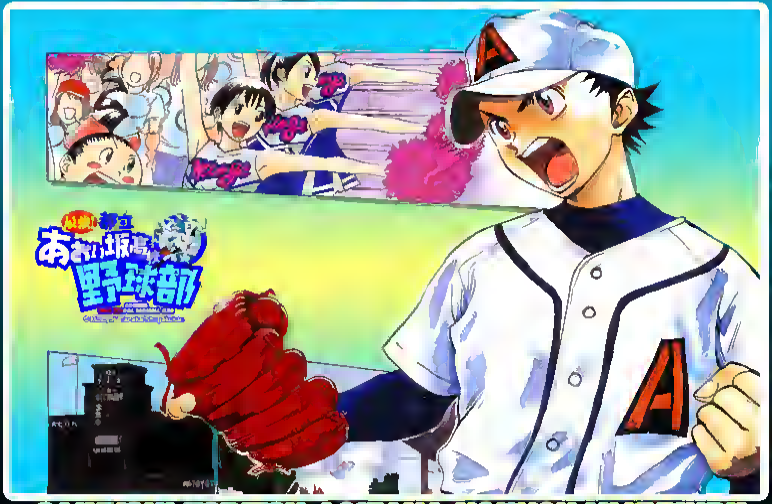

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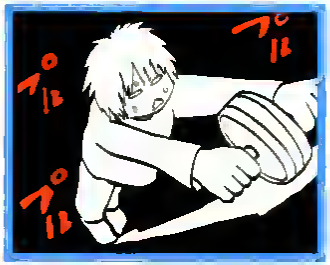

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みんなでやってみました。
106。平均平凡。
現在の職業への適性44%…
うげ!
トップはアシのAくん
122!
さすがKOボーイ。
やるねぇ。

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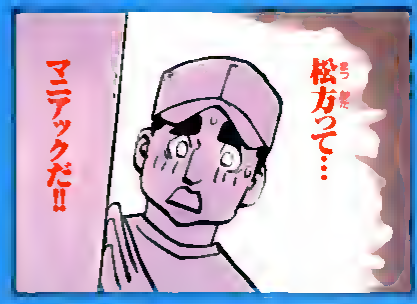

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COUNT IS 3 - 1!!
CHAPTER 32: PINCH!
TOP OF THE NINTH INNING WITH A TIED SCORE, NO OUTS, AND BASES LOADED!!
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一 二 三 四 五 六 七 八 九 十 R
A 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1
Coca-Cola
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
INAN

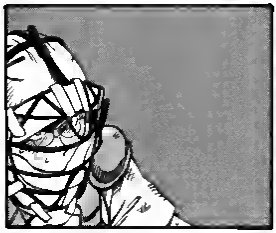
BRING THEM DOWN, SEINAN!!
GO! SEINAN, GO GO GO!
SEINAN
4
BLOW IT, HIMURO, BLOW IT!
BLOW IT
HIMURO, GO!!
GO
ボワー

HAA
HAA
IT'S ....
HAA
IT'S NOT OVER YET.
HAA
S
HUH?
AT ALL.
I'M NOT SCARED,

IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO GET ANY FURTHER.

'CAUSE THEY'RE CALM AND WANT TO ANALYZE THE SITUATION.

THOSE WHO LOOK AT THE OPPONENT'S BENCH IN A PINCH, ARE STRONG



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CAN'T THINK FOR THEMSELVES...

BUT THOSE WHO LOOK AT THEIR OWN BENCH HAVE NO SELF-CONFIDENCE...

AND GET IMPATIENT!!

I GOT THE UPPER HAND!

I CAN'T PUT ANY STRENGTH INTO MY THROW

IT'S SLIPPERY BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD AND THE WOUND HURTS FROM THE ROSIN

BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE....

HAA

HAA

HOW UNLUCKY.

SUZU-NEE!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

HAA

HAA

SUZU-NEE ..

KITAROU!

RELAX AND SHOW ME A GREAT PITCH!

RELAX,

AND A GREAT PITCH!!

HNG.

8

ぱチャ

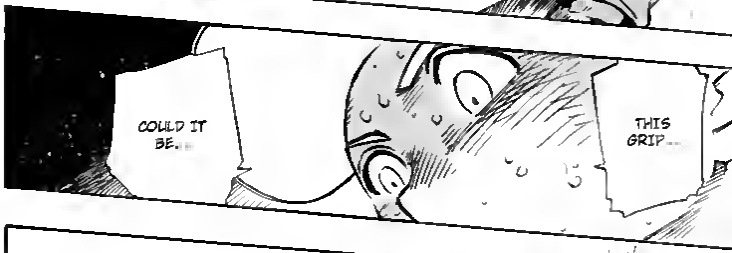
ぱチャ

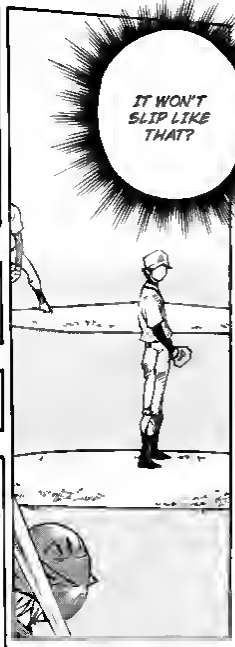
どおっせ

YEAH——

IT'S OUR WIN!!

KI-TAROU,
I NEED TO GET STRONGER OR I WON'T BE A REGULAR-
KOTETSU HIT OFF ME AGAIN-
FOR THAT, YOU HAVE TO SEARCH FOR YOUR BEST FORM.
TO GET A SMOOTH SWING WITH YOUR ARM, YOUR BODY NEEDS TO BE RE-LAXED.
?
IS WHAT SHE WANTS TO SAY?
RIGHT NOW I SHOULD COM-PLETELY RELAX MYSELF.
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T FORCE SO MUCH STRENGTH INTO IT
YOU JUST HAVE TO PITCH MORE RELAXED
RE-LAXED?
FOR A PERFECT ARM SWING
NOT MIND-ING MY FINGER,





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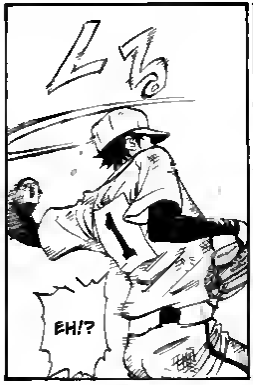
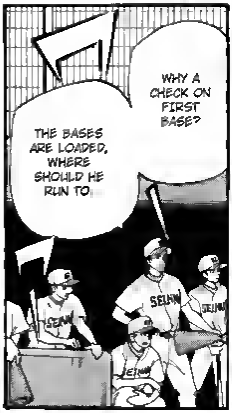
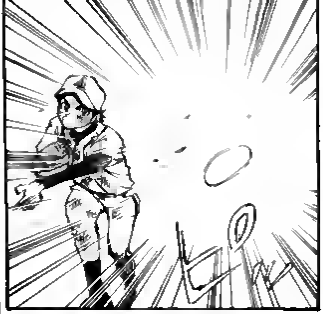
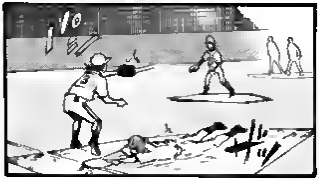



THE BASES ARE LOADED, WHERE SHOULD HE RUN TO
WHY A CHECK ON FIRST BASE?
SEIWA

WHAT'S HE DOING





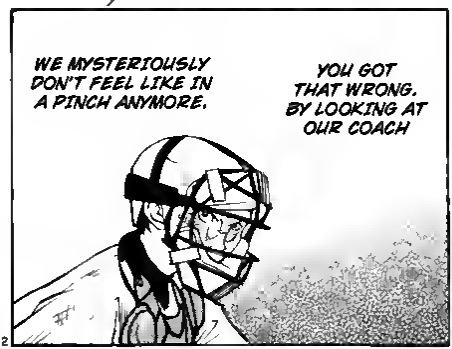
HE WAS TESTING...
SOME-THING....

GOOD!!
OKAY!

THIS MIGHT WORK.

SUZU-NEE.

FIGHT!



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THE
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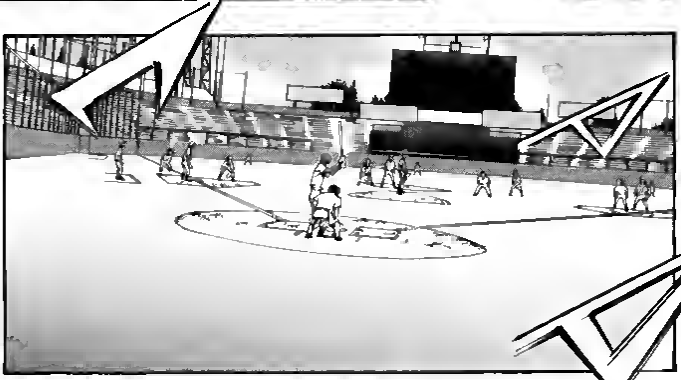
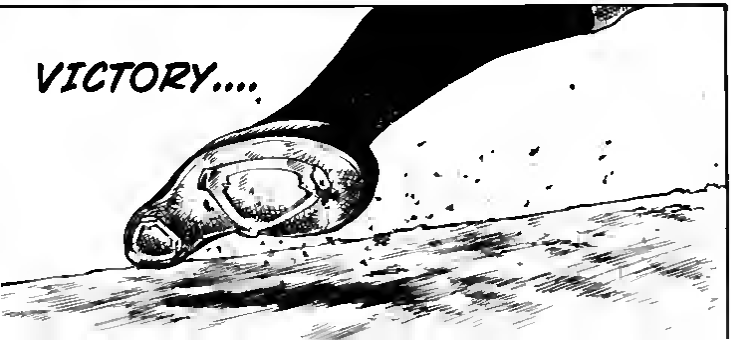
IN
VIC-
TORY!!

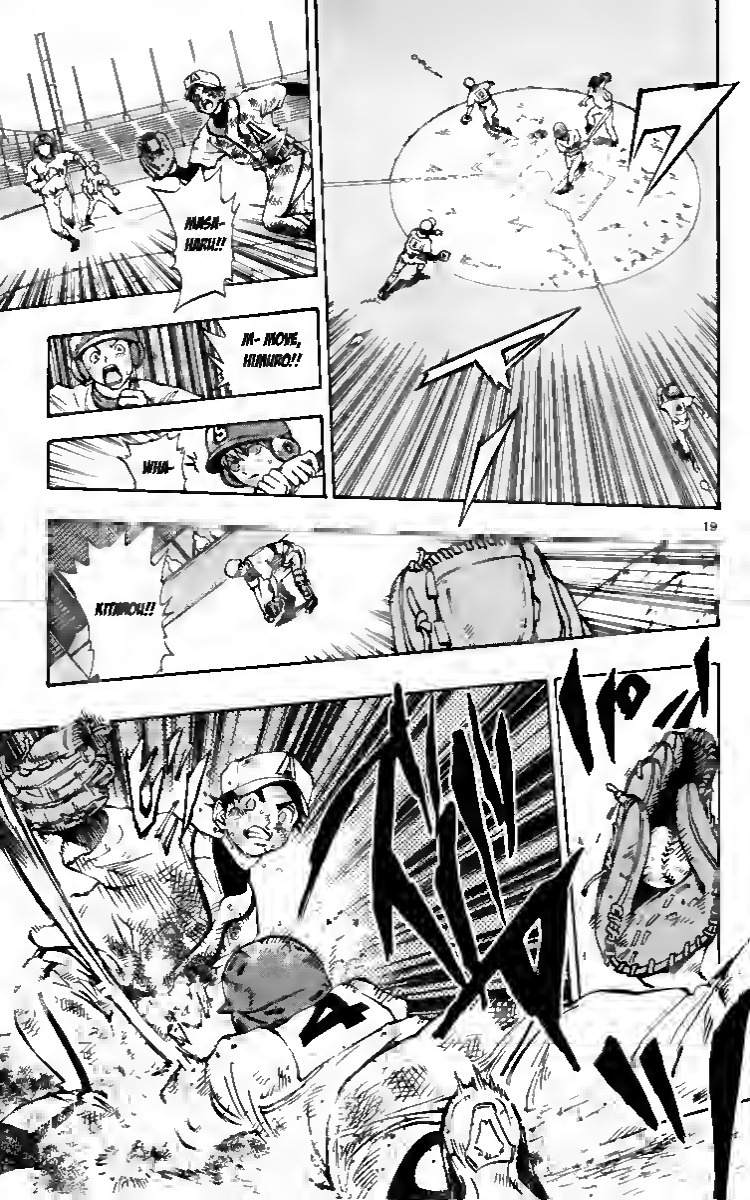



VICTORY....

NAIVE!!
15
GOT IT!!
AH...

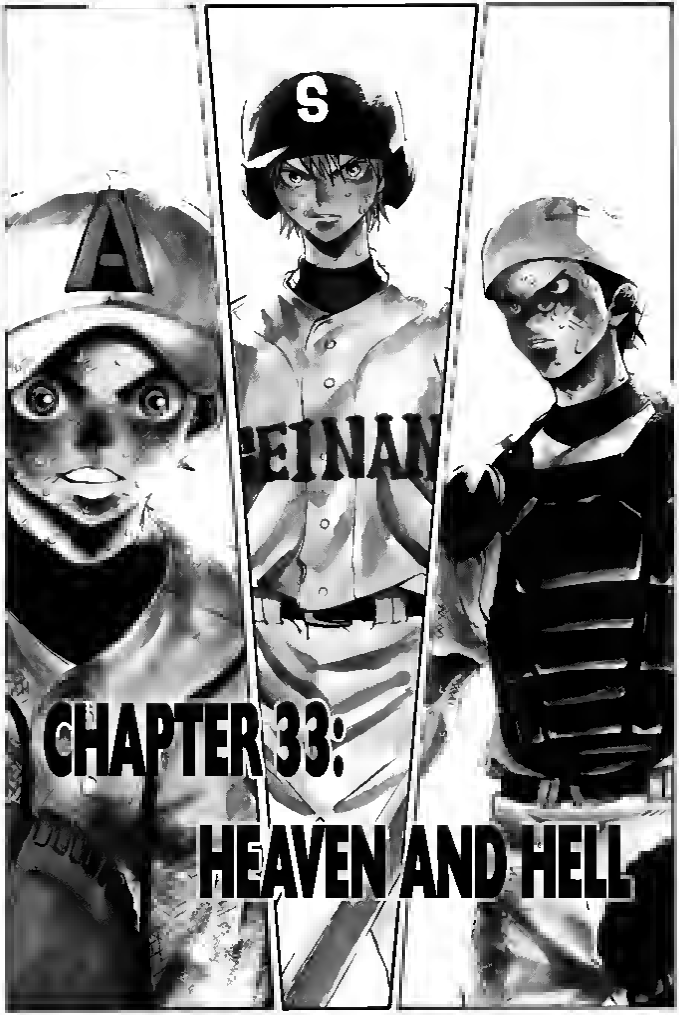
!?!
1
SEINAN

!?!
!?
SHIT.
THE CATCHER MESSED UP ...


HAHA-HAHA!!!
M- MOVE, HIMURO!!
WHA-
19
KITAMOU!!

OUT!!
20
KI-TAROU
WHY... I'M SURE, I...
...A MISS HIT?
...WHAT?
WHAT WAS THAT PITCH !?

最強都立
あおい坂高校
野球部



CHAPTER 33: HEAVEN AND HELL

WHAT?
A PITCH I COULDN'T HIT....!
WHAT WAS THAT?
A PITCH I COULDN'T CATCH...
WHAT...
DID I THROW JUST NOW.....?

JUST WHAT!?

OUT!

A-

ANYWAYS, FIRST OUT!!

NICE COVER, PITCHER!!

KI-TAMON !!

KITAMON !!

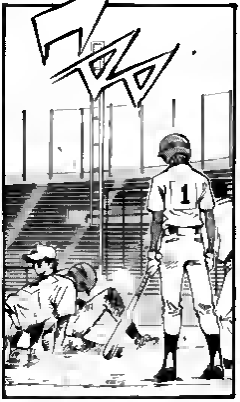
TOP OF THE 9TH, SEINAN'S OFFENSE CHANGED FROM A BASES LOADED WITH NO OUTS TO A BASES LOADED WITH ONE OUT!

THE RUNNER WHO ATTEMPTED TO GET BACK HOME ON THAT MISSED CATCH, GOT TAGGED OUT!

DON'T MIND!!

THERE'LL BE ANOTHER CHANCE!!

PLEASE, HIMURO



I'M SURE I TIMED MY SWING RIGHT.

THEN, WHY DID I MISS...?

KITAROU, HOW DID YOU THROW THAT JUST NOW?

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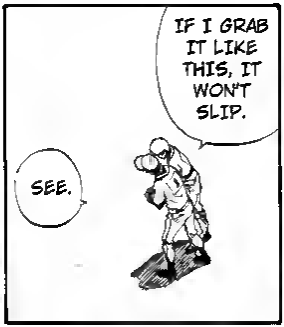


YOU'RE ABLE TO THROW WITH THAT BLOODY FINGER OF YOURS...

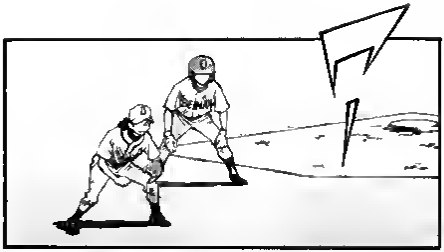
INDEED, WITH THAT

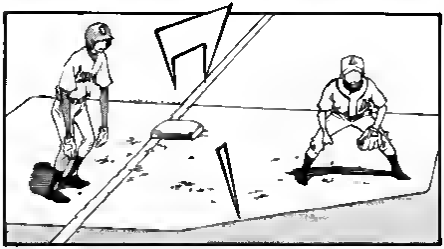
BUT SUCH A PITCH WITH THAT GRIP...?

OKAY.

NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE, MASAHARU.

GO ALL OUT WITH THAT.



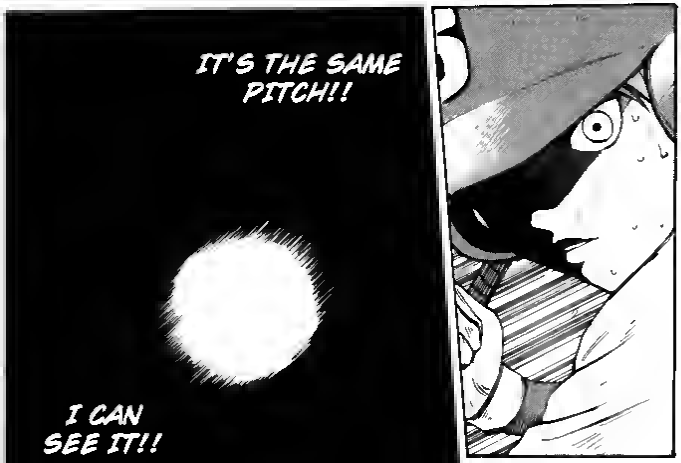


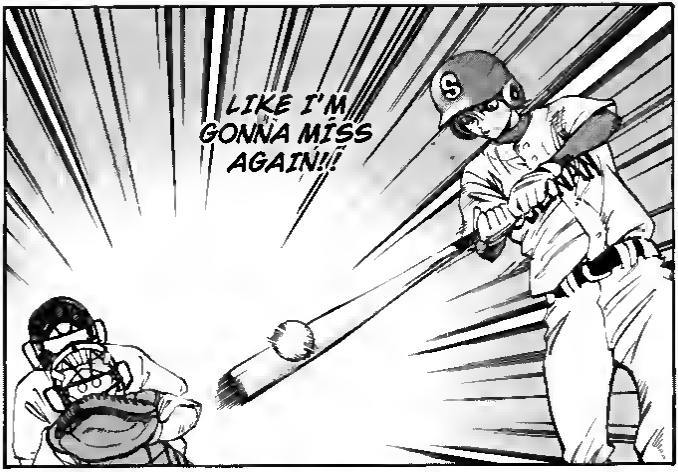
JUST TWO MORE OUTS....

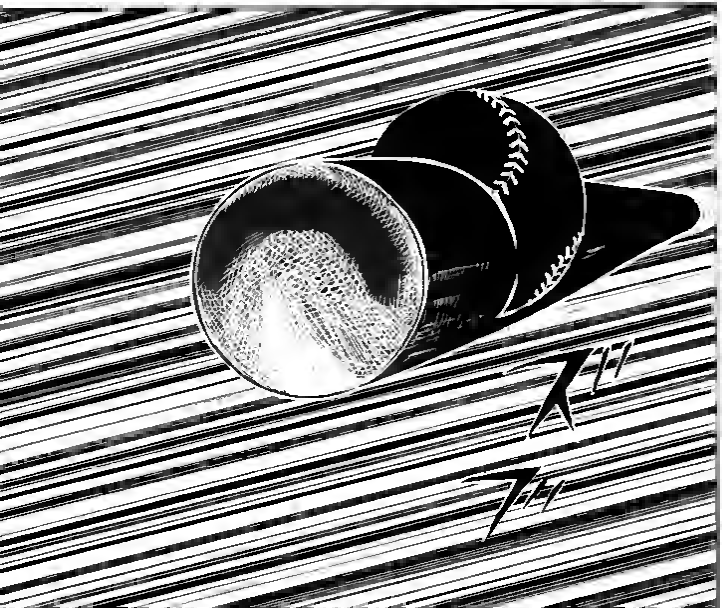
BLOW IT—
BLOW IT OUT, HIMURO!
ONE OUT AND THE COUNT IS 3-2,
2

!
GO—
GO, HIMURO, GO!

SEINAN
SEINAN
SEINAN
SEINAN
HIT IT, HIROHIKO!!


IT'S THE SAME PITCH!!
I CAN SEE IT!!


LIKE I'M GONNA MISS AGAIN!!!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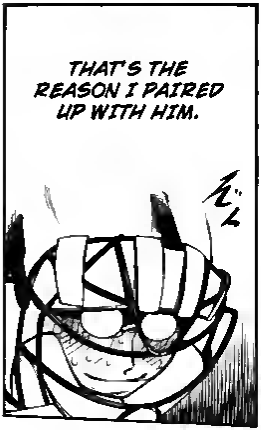
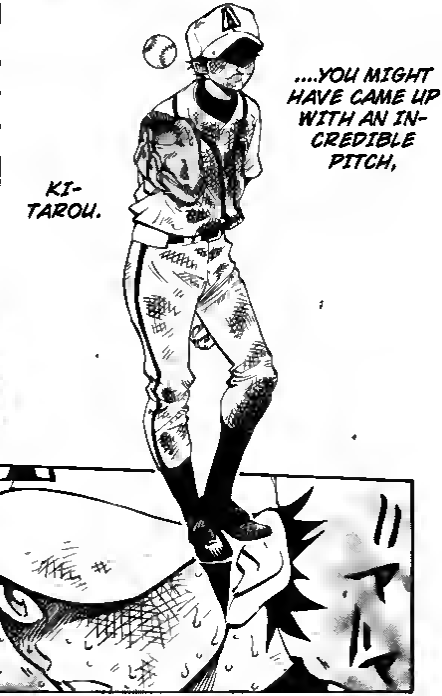
STRIKE OUT ON A MISSED SWING~!!
NO, THE CATCHER DIDN'T CATCH IT AGAIN!?
NOW HE CAN TAKE THE FIRST BASE!!
HAA.
12
IDIOT! RUN!!
!

HE....

S

OUT!!
1


THAT'S THE REASON I PAIRED UP WITH HIM.

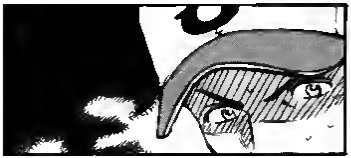

KI-TAROU.
....YOU MIGHT HAVE CAME UP WITH AN IN-CREDIBLE PITCH,
TWO OUTS ....

13

THE HECK WERE YOU DOING, HIROHIKO —!!
BATTING SIXTH, CATCHER NAGASE-KUN.
YOU GAVE UP ON THE GAME, OR WHAT?
I HAVE NO CLUE
WHAT WAS THAT, HIMURO!?
1
YOU RUN, WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO!!
SORRY, BUT
SE!
SEINNN
COULD YOU KEEP IT QUIET?

STRIKE!!

SO THAT'S THE PITCH I STRUCK OUT ON...
A SEMI-FASTBALL ON BELT'S HIGH...
NOT THAT AWESOME OF A PITCH...



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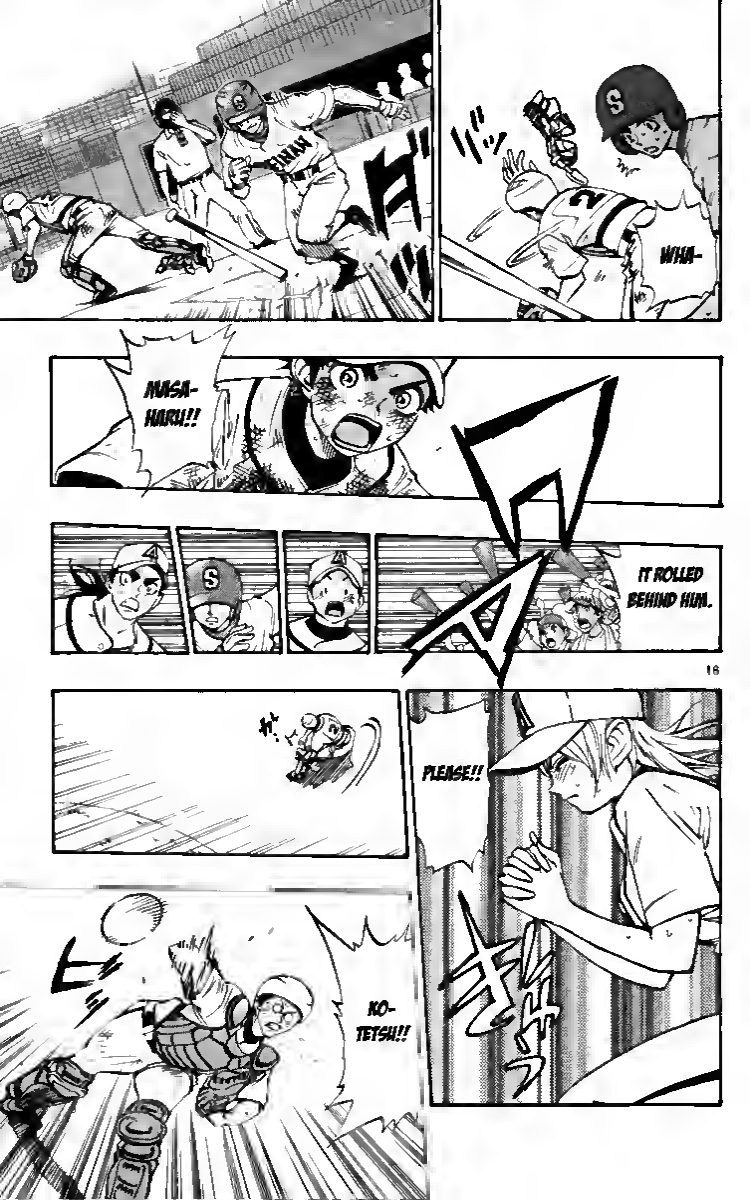
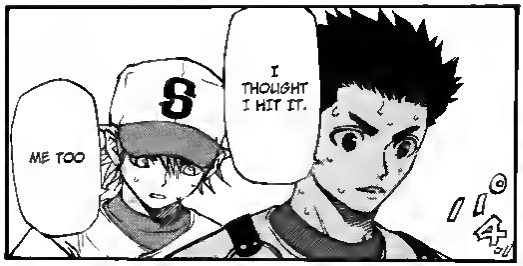
I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT, MUCH LESS STRUCK OUT
WHAT WAS THAT
IT SHOULD HAVE MADE CONTACT, BUT DIDN'T...
IT
FELT WRONG !!

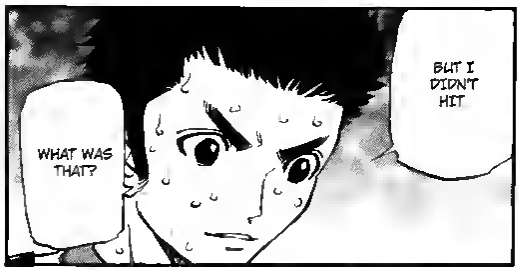
STRIKE —!!
DAMN.
IT'S HARD TO CATCH IT...
BUT THIS PITCH IS WORKING!
GWAR.


WHA-
MASA-HARU!!
IT ROLLED BEHIND HIM.
PLEASE!!
KO-TETSU!!

THREE OUTS!!
2
19
AOIZAKA GETS AWAY FROM THEIR BASES LOADED, NO OUT PINCH~~~~~~!!
EVERYONE —!!
WITH THE SCORE TIED 4 TO 4, AOIZAKA GOES INTO THE OFFENSE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH!!
.....

YAA
TOP OF THE NINTH, FROM A NO OUTS, BASES LOADED PINCH, AOIZAKA BREAKS FREE WITH 3 CONTINUOUS OUTS!!
CHAPTER 34:
ME?


I THOUGHT I HIT IT.
ME TOO


BUT I DIDN'T HIT
WHAT WAS THAT?

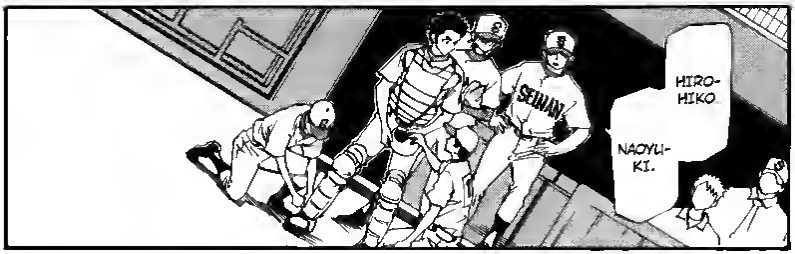
I DON'T KNOW

2

THAT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE

AS IF.
...A DISAP-PEAR-ING MAGIC PITCH?

A MAGIC PITCH THAT DOESN'T DISAPPEAR....



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SHUT THEM DOWN.

I WAS SHIVERING.
IMPRESSIVE! YOU SHUT THEM OUT WITH SUCH A PITCH.

SO MASAHARU, WHAT'S THAT PITCH?
I HAVEN'T ANALYZED IT YET.

LADY LUCK IS ON OUR SIDE.
IT'S A MIRACLE.
LUCKY!
OWOW.

GUESS THEY'RE ALL TALK.
EVEN I COULD HIT THAT.... OH, SORRY, KITAOOJI...
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I'LL TELL YOU LATER
MEANY
WE CAN WIN!!
OR RATHER WE'LL WIN!!
IT WOULD BE STUPID TO LOSE THIS NOW!!
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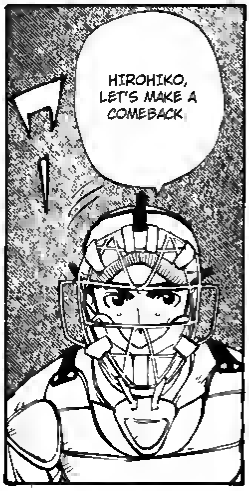
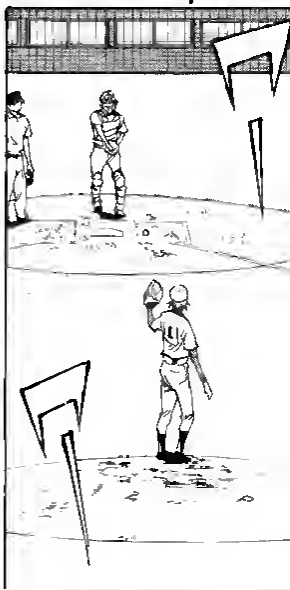
ISN'T IT GREAT, CAPTAIN,
A VICTORY!!
WE GOT A VICTORY!!
EVERY TIME THEY OVERCOME A PINCH
FIRE
BOMB
THEY GROW CLOSER TOGETHER.

WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 4 TO 4, AOIZAKA GOES ON THE OFFENSE IN THE LAST INNING!!





BATTING FOURTH, FIRST-BASE KOBAYASHI-KUN.

ONE POINT BY KOTETSU AND IT'S OVER!

KO-TE-TSU

KO-TE-TSU

I'LL END THIS!!

I WANT TO LET OUR CLOWN REST, SO...

A MAGIC PITCH THAT DOESN'T DISAP-PEAR...
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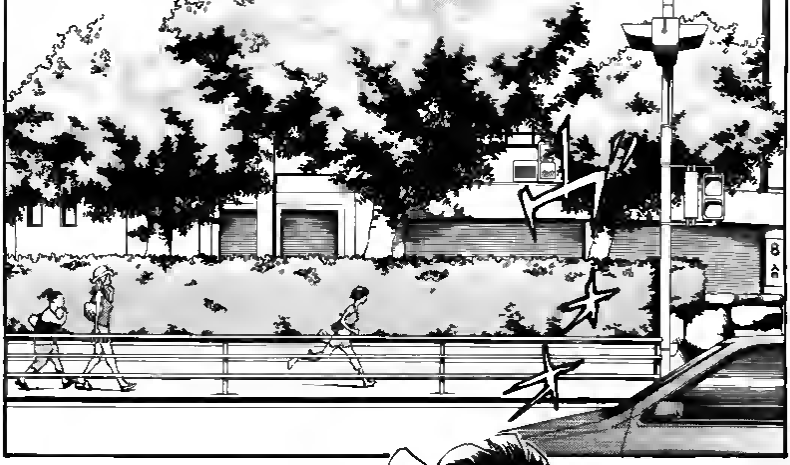
KIRI



CHIAKI~~ I'M MELTING~~~
HOT.
SO HOT.

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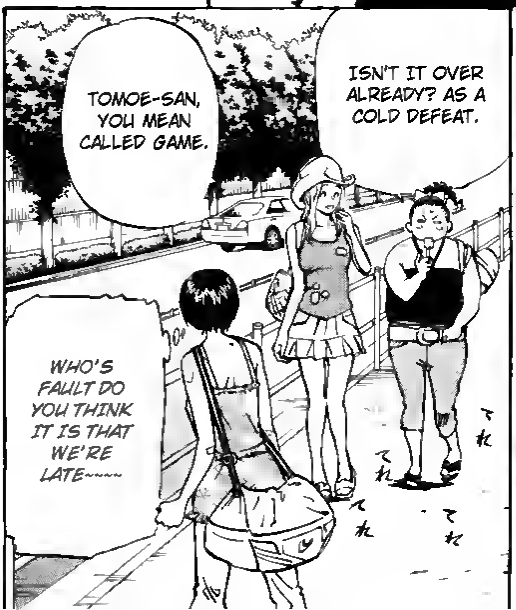
TOMOE-SAN, YOU MEAN CALLED GAME.
ISN'T IT OVER ALREADY? AS A COLD DEFEAT.
WHO'S FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT WE'RE LATE~~~~

UMM... PLEASE HURRY.

MY, IT'S OVER AL-READY?
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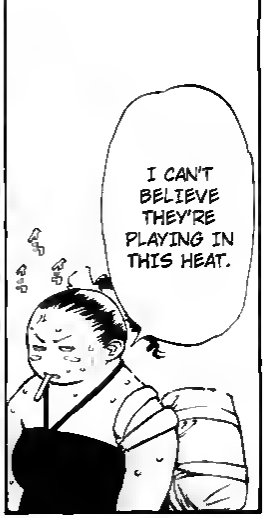
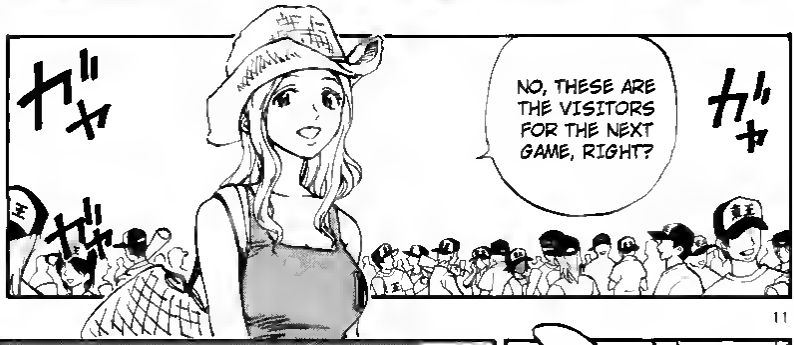

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE PLAYING IN THIS HEAT.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NO, THESE ARE THE VISITORS FOR THE NEXT GAME, RIGHT?
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LET'S GO!
TCH.

OKAY !!

ON SECOND BASE STANDS THE RUNNER TO END THIS GAME!

MATSUKATA— YOU'RE ON THE SPOTLIGHT NOW. BRING IT ON!!

DAMN

KOBAYASHI, THAT WAS SO CLOSE. A BIT HIGHER AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER THE FENCE.

HE HIT —!!

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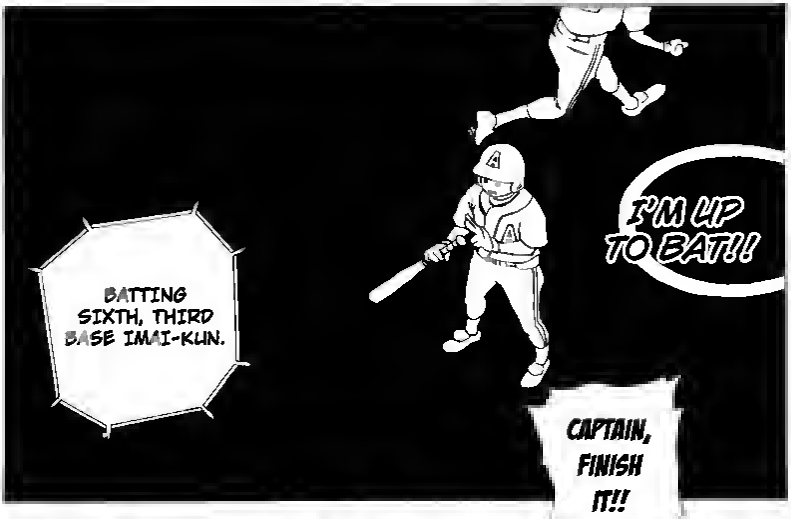
OUT!!
NICE CENTER!
1 OUT, RUNNER ON THIRD BASE!!
KOTETSU ADVANCES!!
WE TOTALLY HAVE THE MOMENTUM.
OKAY, OKAY—
WE'RE ENDING IT WITH THE NEXT ONE.
SURE, SURE.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, CAPTAIN.


BATTING SIXTH, THIRD BASE IMAI-KUN.
I'M UP TO BAT!!
CAPTAIN, FINISH IT!!

EVEN IF WE GO INTO EXTRA INNINGS, I'LL BE FINE!!
CAPTAIN, RELAX —!!

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I GOTTA... SQUEEZE, RIGHT?

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SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

SEGAWA PULLED IT OFF TOO.

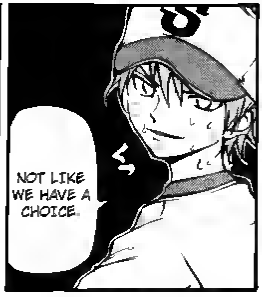
SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL OFF A BUNT.

EVEN I...

UG...

SEINAN'S INFIELDER DRAW CLOSER TO PROTECT THE HOME BETTER!!

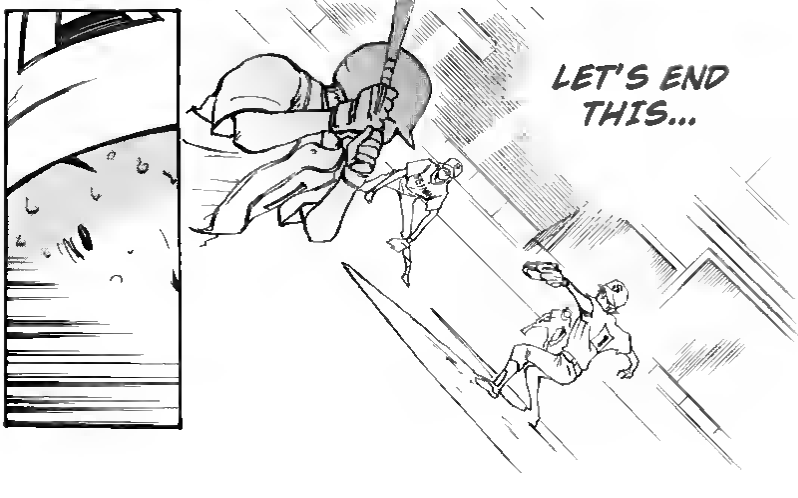
WAIT... AREN'T THEY DRAWING IN TOO CLOSE!?



STRIKE!!
HE SWUNG
THAT WAS ON PUR-POSE.
BALL!!
WASTED TWO PITCHES
BALL THREE!!
3 - 1....
BALL TWO!!
CAN'T I FOOL THEM?
NOW HE SHOULD GO FOR A STRIKE.

COACH.
COACH, A SQUEEZE, RIGHT?

O-OKAY.


LET'S END THIS...

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FOOLED US!!
TCH.

WRAAR!!
YEAH!!!
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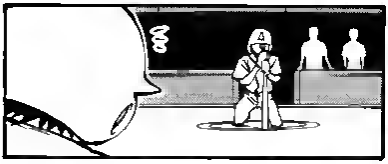
FOUL!!

THE SQUEEZE FAILED....

WE'RE CORNERED.



THANKS TO YOUR HIT, I COULD GET BACK TO THE BASE.

SQUEE
BUNT
SQUEEZE

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

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I'M INSTANTLY OUT IF I FAIL.

A HIT?

SHALL I HIT IT WITH ALL I HAVE?

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I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

IF THAT'S NO GOOD....

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP.

CAPTAIN!!

I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU!!

SORRY, HIDA.

I GET AN ICE WHEN IT'S A COLD GAME!

CHIAKI, WHO'S WINNING?

CHAPTER 35:

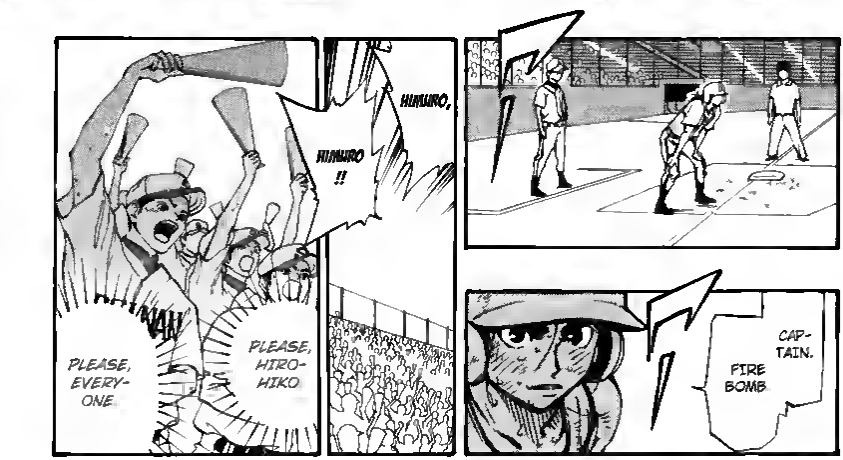
JUST A BIT MORE!

WHAT'S MORE, THEY'RE IN BOTTOM OF THE NINTH, WITH ONE OUT AND A RUNNER ON THIRD.
IT'S A TIED SCORE!
HUH?
GUH- SO HOT.
EWW~~~~ AGAINST SEINAN!?
THAT'S A REAL CHANCE TO END THIS GAME.
MY.

IF IT ISN'T IMAI.
YEAH, HE ISN'T RELIABLE AT ALL.
CAPTAIN, YOU CAN MAKE IT!!
CAPTAIN!!
YEAH!!
COACH
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
HIDA, SORRY

I'M AFRAID THE TEAM WILL LOSE SPIRIT IF THE NEXT SQUEEZE ALSO FAILS AND WE'RE DOWN TO TWO OUTS.
IMAI-KUN... FIGHT!!
A HIT... YOU SAY?
COACH
WE SAW THAT THEY'RE DESPERATE.
BUT THEM, WHO WANT TO FINISH THIS HERE.
THE ONES IN A BIND, AREN'T US.
THE COUNT IS 3 - 2, BUT THROW A SLIDER THAT AIMS FOR THE STRIKE ZONE AND THEN BECOMES A BALL!
THEY'LL MAKE A MOVE!!

OKAY, NAOYUKI.
TRUST ME, HIROHIKO.
I'LL CATCH IT.


HIMURO !!
HIMURO,
PLEASE, EVERYONE
PLEASE, HIROHIKO
CAPTAIN.
FIRE BOMB

CAPTAIN!!

...NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,

AGAINST A FAMOUS SCHOOL.

I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT, THAT IN MY ENTIRE BASEBALL CAREER I WOULD EVER FACE SUCH A TENSE SITUATION

HE LOOKS

LIKE HE PLANS TO HIT IT....

HIRUMO IS A HIGH SCHOOLER. SO AM I.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN'T HIT OFF HIM.

I WANT TO WIN.

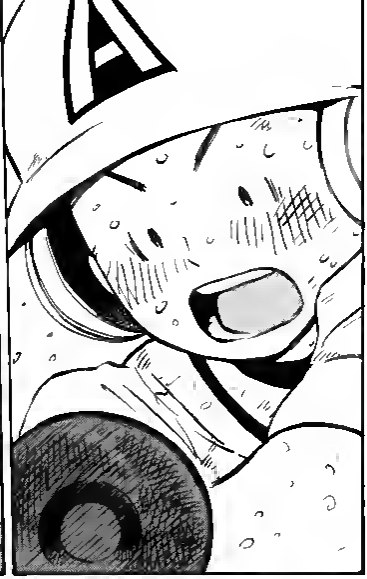
PRIDE AS A POWER HOUSE.
EXPECTATIONS.
THE FEELINGS OF 123 CLUB MEMBERS....
THE POSITION OF MY FATHER AS THE COACH.
PRESSURE
ATTENTION

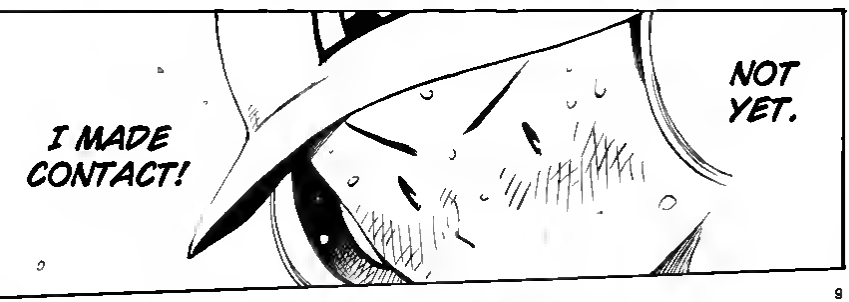
SO MUCH IS RIDING ON THIS!!

AS IF I WOULD THROW A PITCH YOU COULD HIT THAT EASILY!!

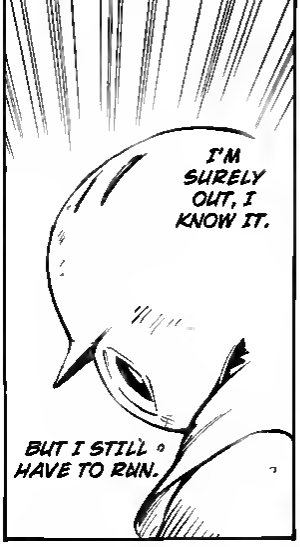
TAKE THAT!!
WRAAR

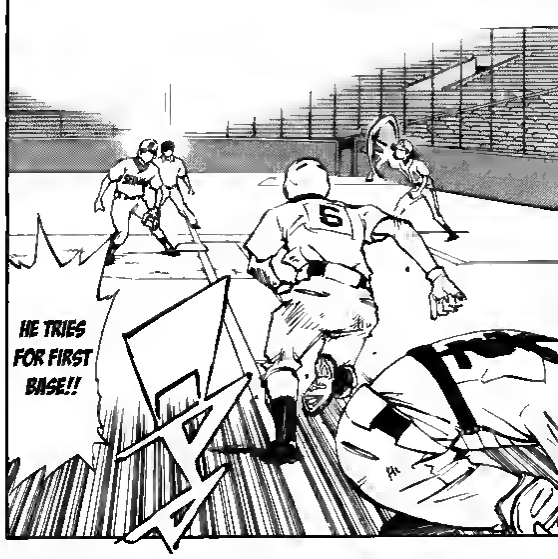
GOOD, HE'S OUT!



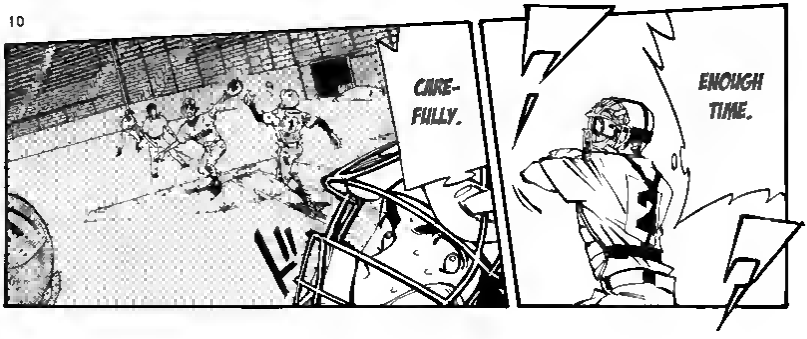

I MADE CONTACT!
NOT YET.

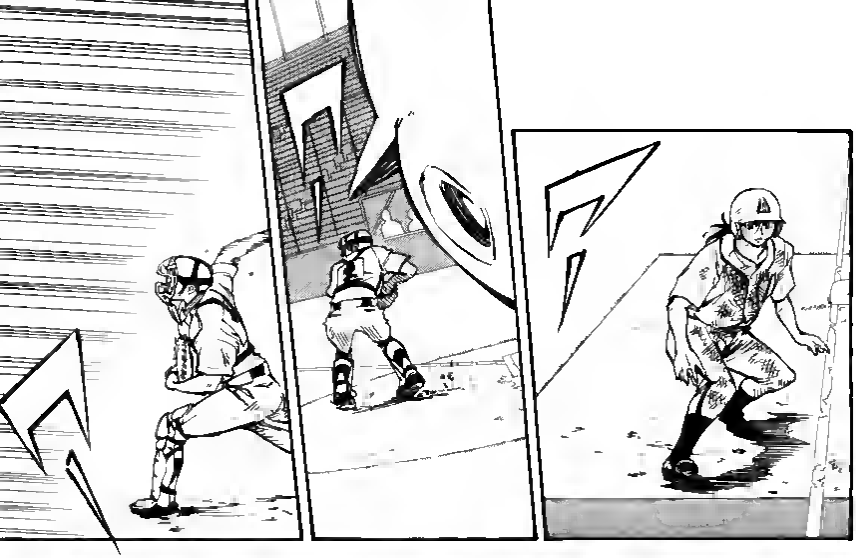
I CAN... RUN!!


I'M SURELY OUT, I KNOW IT.
BUT I STILL HAVE TO RUN.

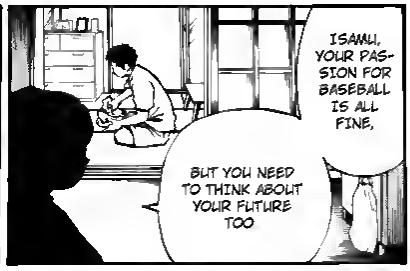

HE TRIES FOR FIRST BASE!!

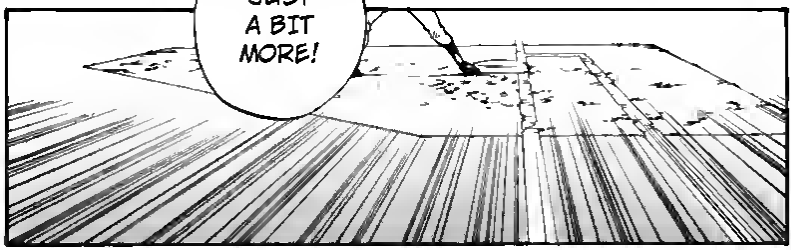
BECAUSE THIS IS PROBABLY...
MY LAST CHANCE!!


CARE-FULLY.
ENOUGH TIME.



YEAH.


ISAMU, YOUR PASSION FOR BASEBALL IS ALL FINE,
BUT YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE TOO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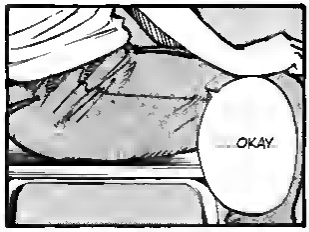
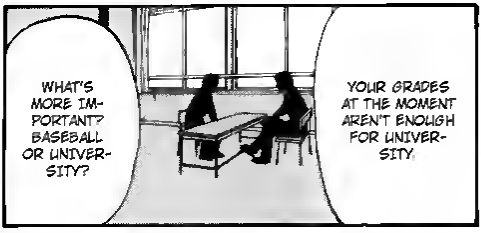
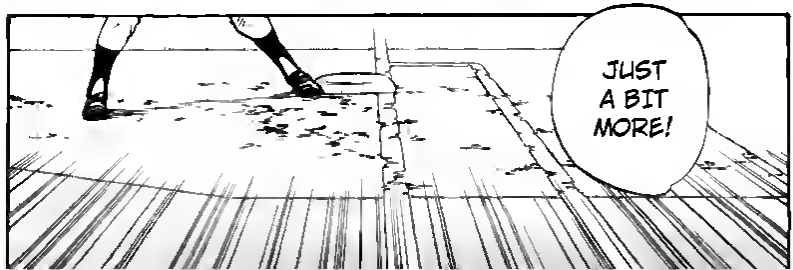
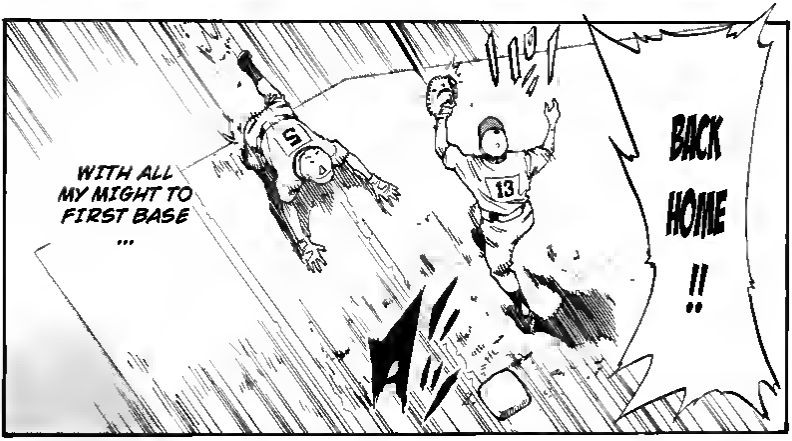

...OKAY.


WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT? BASEBALL OR UNIVERSITY?
YOUR GRADES AT THE MOMENT AREN'T ENOUGH FOR UNIVERSITY.


JUST A BIT MORE!

BUT IT'S JUST A BIT MORE!!
THAT SEALS MY OUT....


WITH ALL MY MIGHT TO FIRST BASE ...
BACK HOME !!

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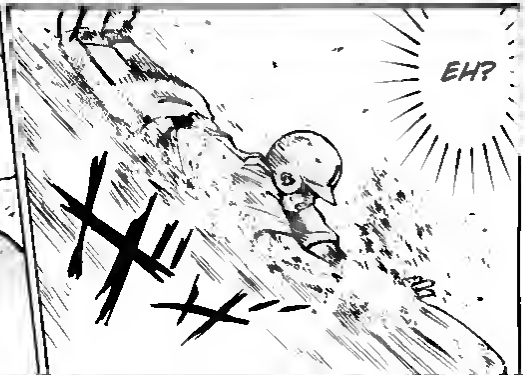
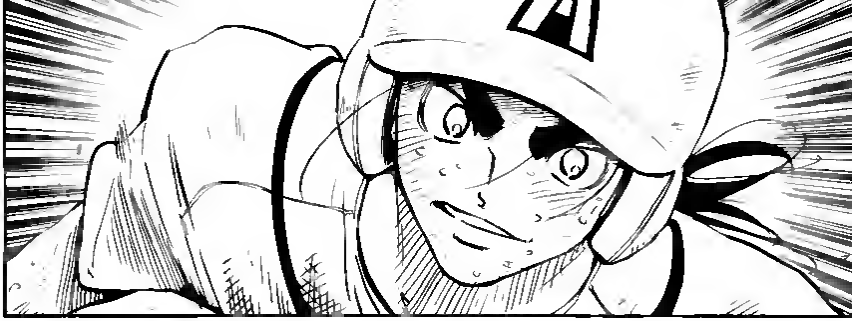

EH?



KO-TETSU!!
A STEAL !!

STOP HIM!!

WITH A SLOW RUNNER LIKE HIM!?

DON'T FUCK WITH US!!

IT'S A HOME STEAL.

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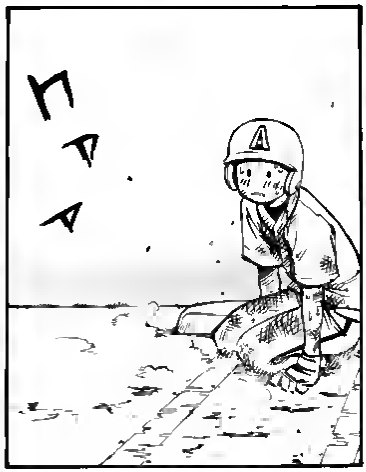
SAFE !!
GAME SET!!

CHAPTER 36: NICE GAME!

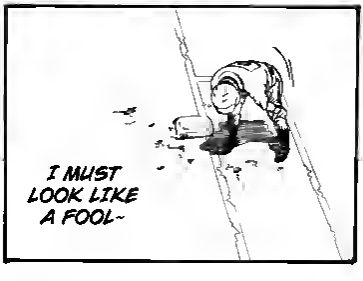
HELL YEAH!!

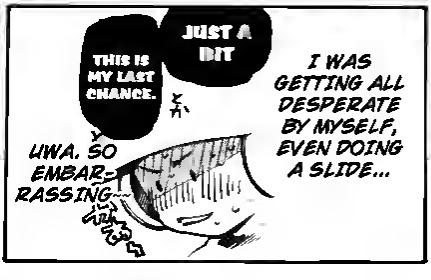
FUCKING HELL!! WE DID IT!!

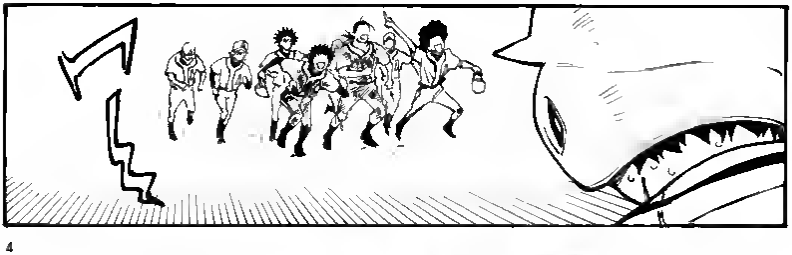
KOTET-SUUUU!!



KOTETSU STOLE HOME... AND WE WON.
WHILE I WAS TRYING TO GET TO FIRST BASE—


I MUST LOOK LIKE A FOOL~


THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE.
JUST A BIT
UWA, SO EMBAR-RASSING~
I WAS GETTING ALL DESPERATE BY MYSELF, EVEN DOING A SLIDE...



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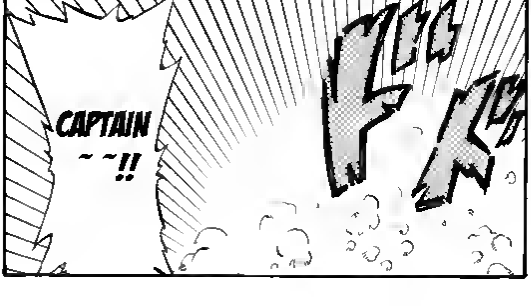
CAPTAIN ~ ~!!

NICE RUN —!

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR RUN!!

NOW ARE THEY PRAISING OR MOCKING ME....

A SPLENDID STRIKE-OUT!!

IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR STRIKE-OUT!!

BEING TOGETHER WITH THEM EVEN ALLOWS MIRACLES.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T GIVE UP.

I DIDN'T EVEN GIVE THEM ANY SIGNS FOR A STEAL.

THEY'RE AMAZING.

AMAZING.

I NEVER EXPECTED THIS.

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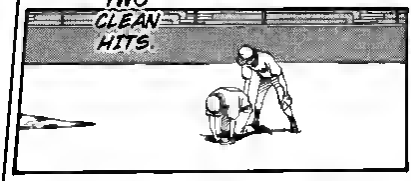
....WE LOST.

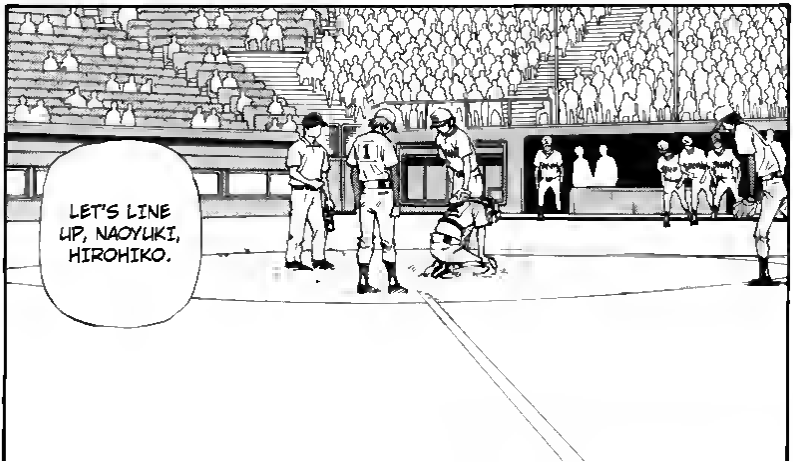
WHY?

WHY?

WHY?

JUST WHY!?





VICTORY FOR AOIZAKA WITH 5 TO 4.

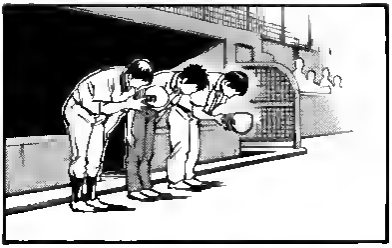
SEINAN

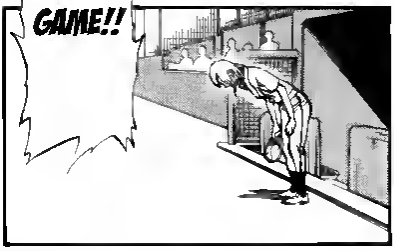
SEINAN

BOW!!

SEINAN SEINAN SEINAN

GOOD GAME!!





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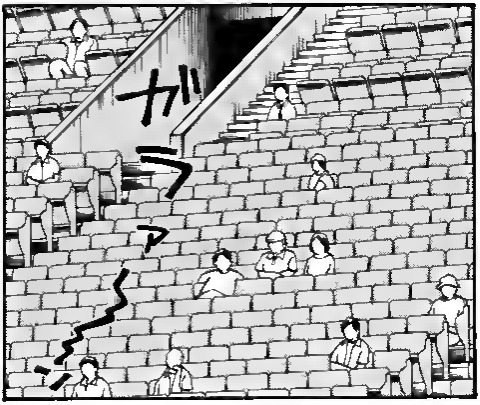
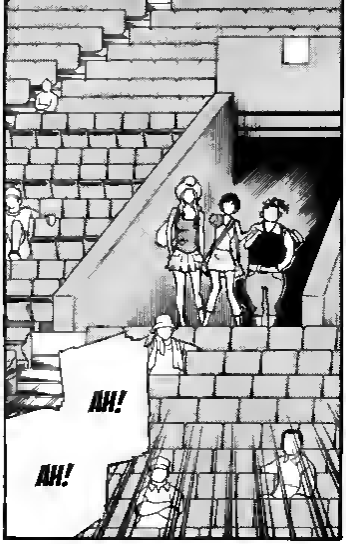


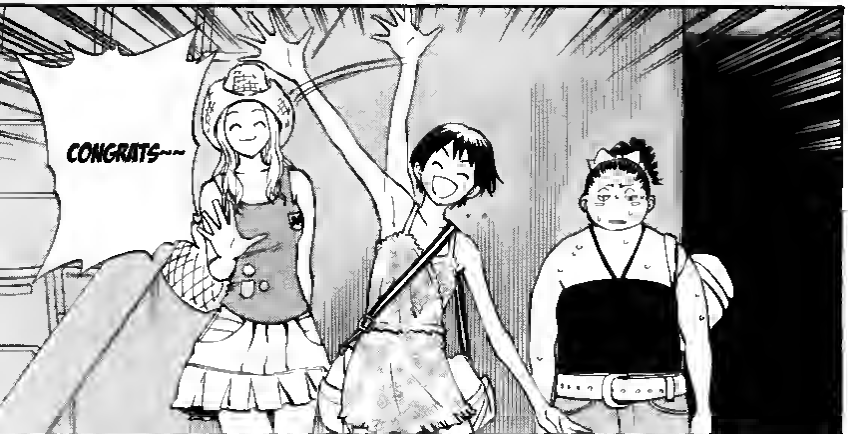

AH!
AH!

OKAY, LET'S THANKS THE AUDIENCE.
THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE A CHEERING TEAM.

MAKES YOU A BIT LONELY, RIGHT?

CHIBA~ YOU CAME TO SEE ME~

MASAHARU, LOOK, BANDY IS HERE!!


CONGRATS~~~

FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN MASAHIRU BEHAVE LIKE THAT.

WHO'S HE WAVING TO?

WHAT? WHERE?

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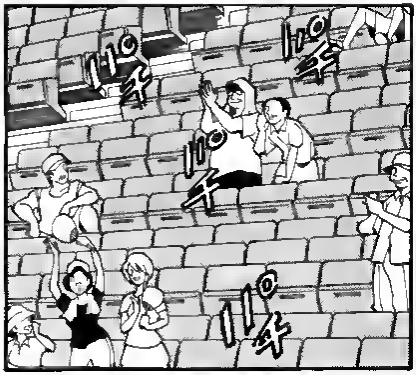

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
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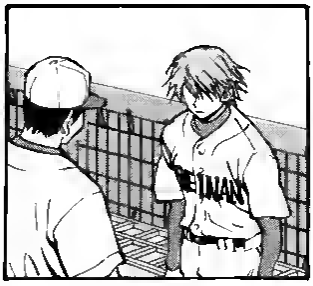
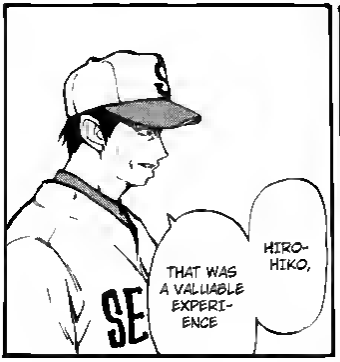
...FATHER...
COACH ....




HIRO-HIKO,
THAT WAS A VALUABLE EXPERI-ENCE
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SORRY... I COULDN'T HELP YOU.

WE HAVE TO GO TO THE KOUSHIEN THIS YEAR.
ELSE IT SEEMS THE COACH GETS FIRED.

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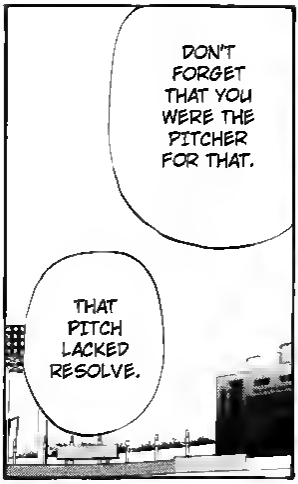
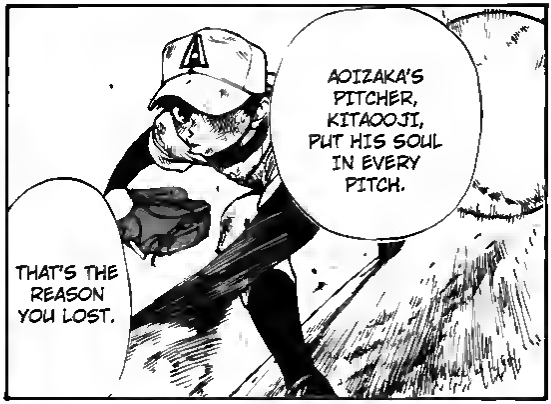

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU WERE THE PITCHER FOR THAT.
THAT PITCH LACKED RESOLVE.

THE PITCH TO THE NUMBER 4 IN THE NINTH ....
THAT TWO BASER SETTLED THE GAME.


AOIZAKA'S PITCHER, KITAOOJI, PUT HIS SOUL IN EVERY PITCH.
THAT'S THE REASON YOU LOST.

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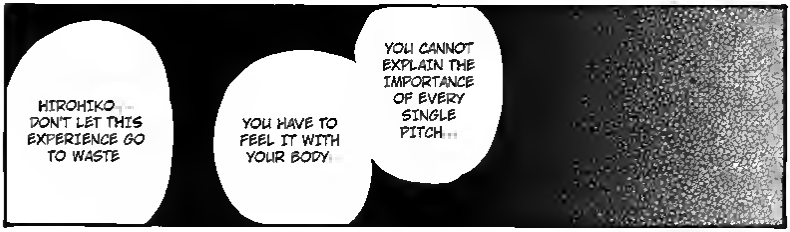
HIROHIKO... DON'T LET THIS EXPERIENCE GO TO WASTE
YOU HAVE TO FEEL IT WITH YOUR BODY.
YOU CANNOT EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY SINGLE PITCH...

BECOME A TRUE ACE.

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MY FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET.

I'LL BECOME A TRUE ACE!!

I'LL LEAD THE TEAM TO VICTORY....

A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH JUST 9 MEMBERS WON AGAINST THE POWERHOUSE SEINAN.

AND THEY EVEN HAVE A BEAUTIFUL COACH.

THAT'S QUITE THE SCOOP.

COACH SUGAWARA. CONGRATULATIONS.

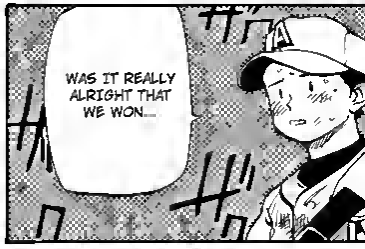
COACH!!

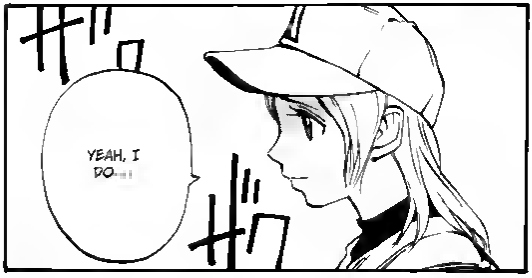
UMM, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

I GAVE MY BEST.

ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?


WAS IT REALLY ALRIGHT THAT WE WON....


YEAH, I DO...!

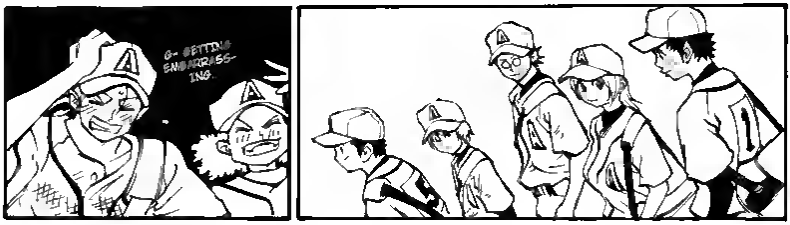
YOU UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS, RIGHT SUZU-NEE?

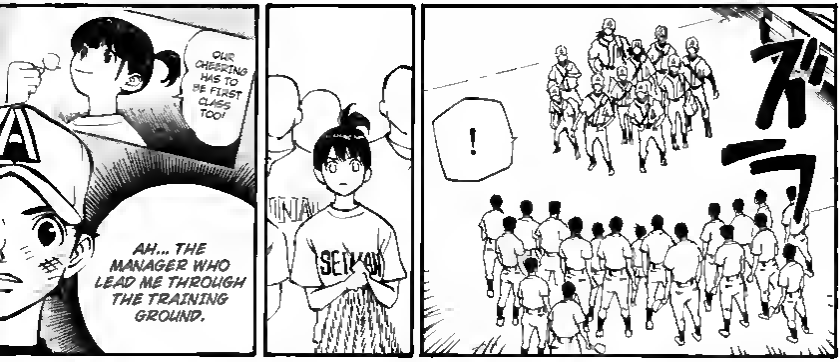
HAVING YOUR DREAM CRUSHED...!
BECOMING PALE
PAINED... SADDENED...

NO, I CAN'T PHRASE IT WELL.

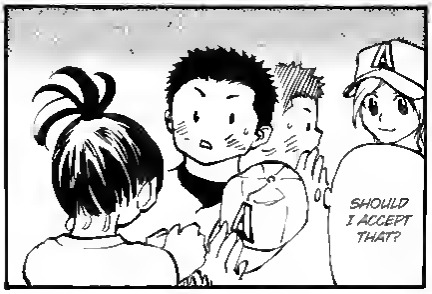
BUT YOU KNOW,

IN MY CASE, I WAS SAVED BY YOU GUYS.





IT WAS A GREAT GAME.


SHOULD I ACCEPT THAT?

PLEASE FIGHT ON.

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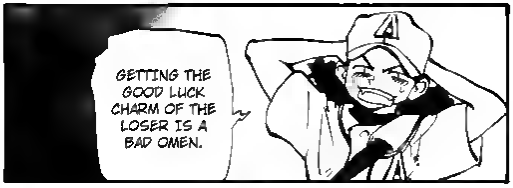
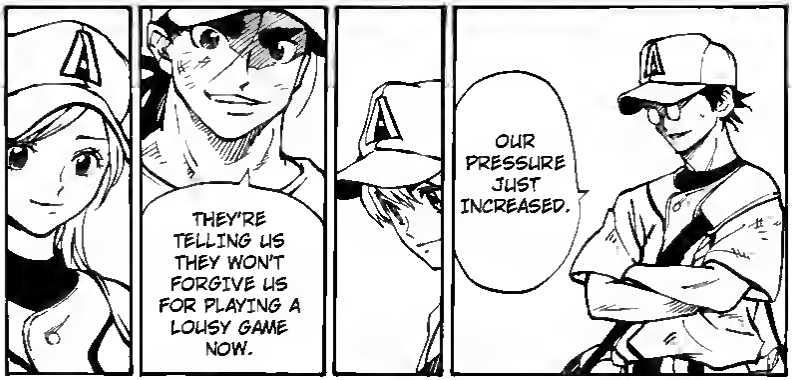

GETTING THE GOOD LUCK CHARM OF THE LOSER IS A BAD OMEN.

...THEY'RE HEAVY.


THEY'RE TELLING US THEY WON'T FORGIVE US FOR PLAYING A LOUSY GAME NOW.
OUR PRESSURE JUST INCREASED.

YEAH....

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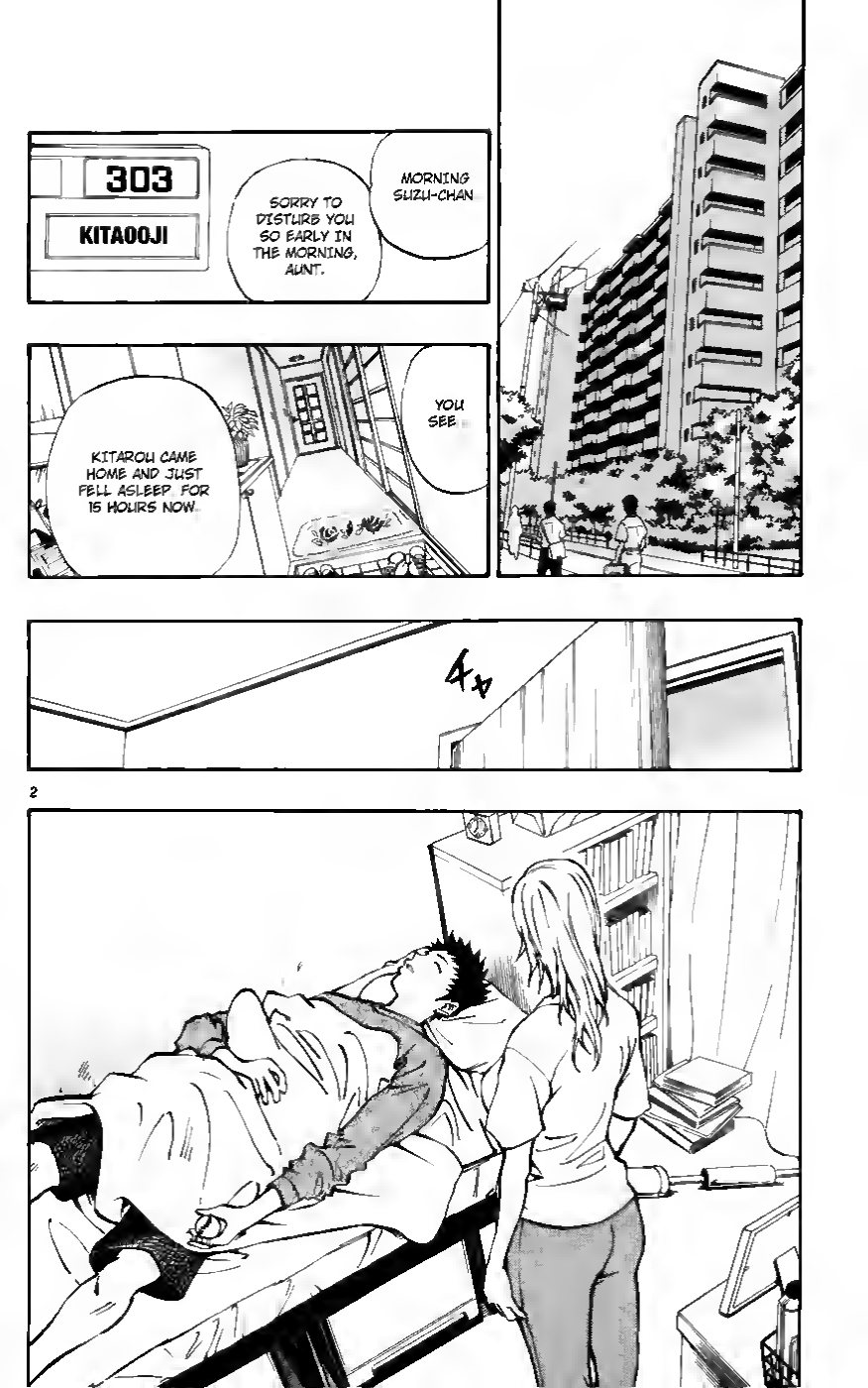
CHAPTER 37: PITCHER!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KITAOOJI
MORNING SUZU-CHAN
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, AUNT.
YOU SEE
KITAROU CAME HOME AND JUST FELL ASLEEP FOR 15 HOURS NOW.
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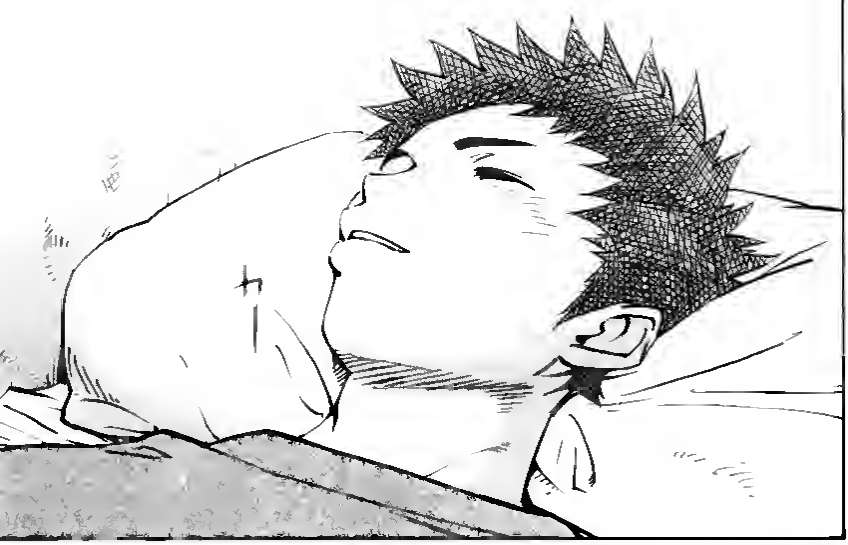
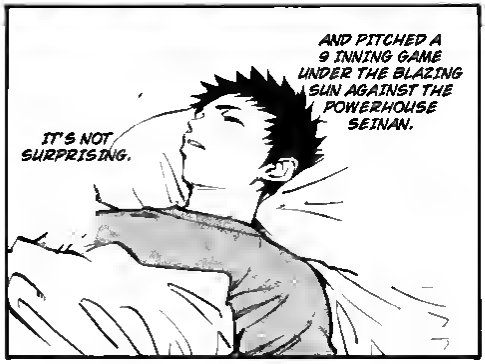
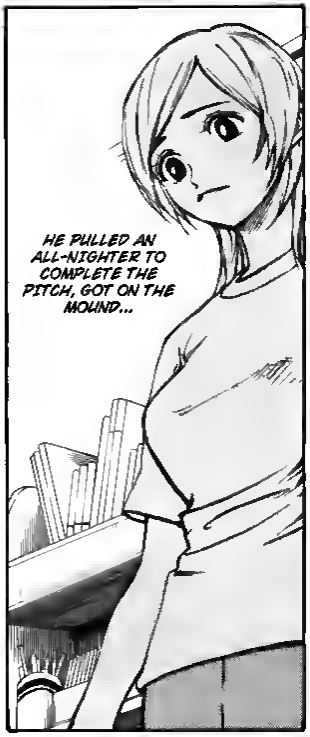
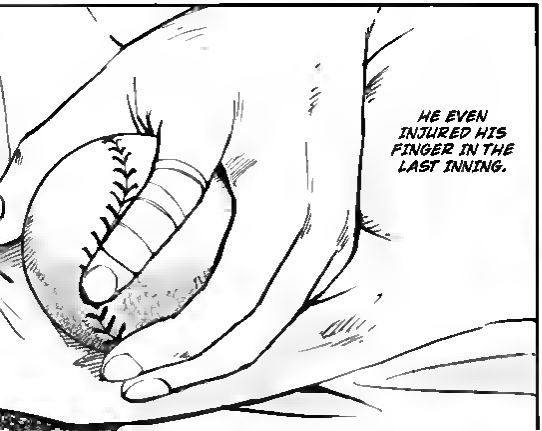



AND PITCHED A 9 INNING GAME UNDER THE BLAZING SUN AGAINST THE POWERHOUSE SEINAN.
IT'S NOT SURPRISING.


HE PULLED AN ALL-NIGHTER TO COMPLETE THE PITCH, GOT ON THE MOUND...


HE EVEN INJURED HIS FINGER IN THE LAST INNING.

YOU BECAME EVEN STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT...

YOU AREN'T THE LITTLE GUY FROM THE BOMBERS ANYMORE.

I WAS SAVED BY YOU AGAIN

...SUZU-NEE?

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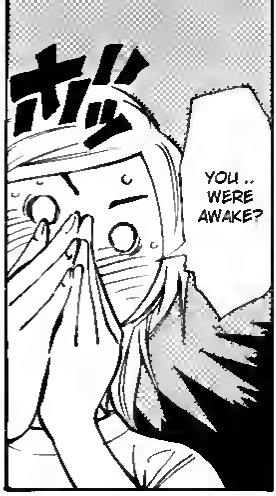
YOU ALL CAME TOGETHER FOR MY SAKE, BUT I'M JUST SO UNRELIABLE LIKE IN THE GAME YESTERDAY.

I'M DEPENDING ON YOU GUYS TOO MUCH.

I HAVE TO KEEP MY ACT TOGETHER.

WHAT ...
... HUH?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YOU .. WERE AWAKE?

SO HE DIDN'T HEAR ME
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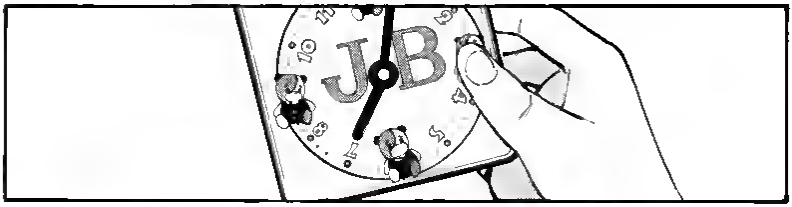
WHY ARE YOU HERE?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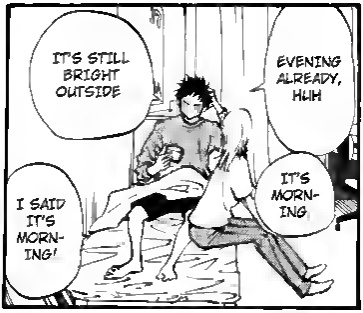
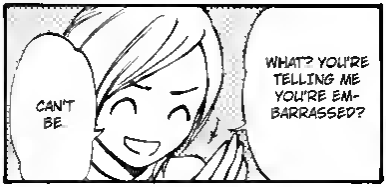
SHIT FOR REAL?
I SLEPT FOR 15 HOURS?
SO IT'S MORNING!?
WHAT HAVE I BEEN SAYING ...


IT'S STILL BRIGHT OUTSIDE
EVENING ALREADY, HUH
I SAID IT'S MORNING!
IT'S MORNING

CHANGING I SAY.

YOU KNOW, I'M CHANGING HERE
THAT I SEE


WHAT? YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'RE EMBARRASSED?
CAN'T BE.

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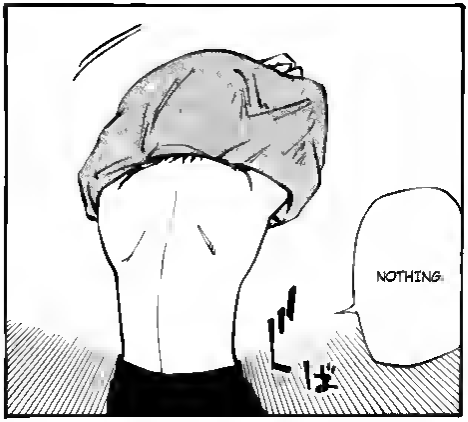
NOTHING.
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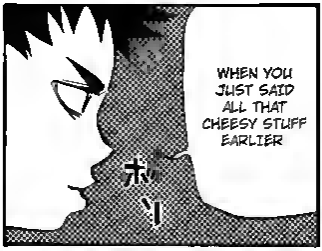
WHEN YOU JUST SAID ALL THAT CHEESY STUFF EARLIER
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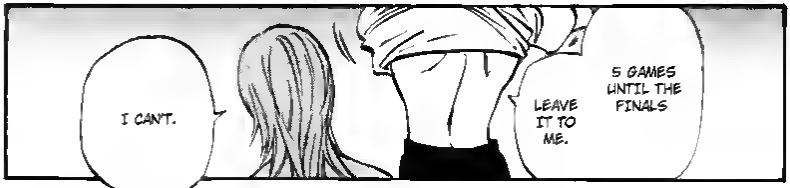
EH?

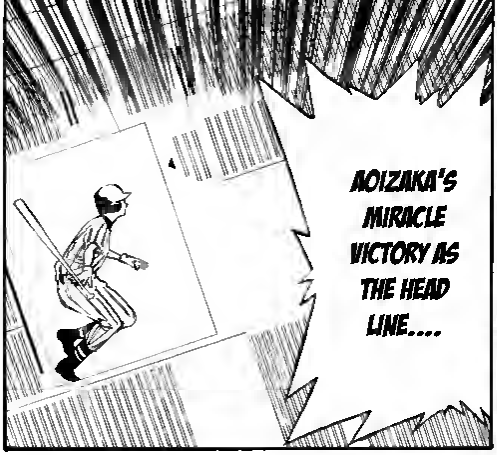
THAT'S HOW ITS GOTTA BE.

KOU-CHAN GOT 3 RUNS IN.
YEAH, EASILY CALLED GAME IN 5 IN-NINGS.

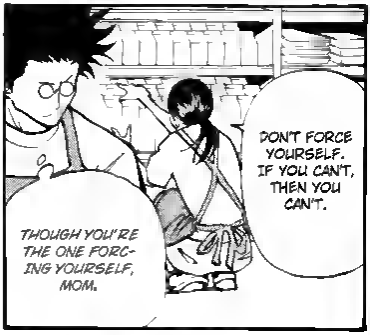
SAY, DID TOUOU WIN YESTERDAY?


I CAN'T.
LEAVE IT TO ME.
5 GAMES UNTIL THE FINALS

I CAN'T LEAVE IT TO YOU.


AOIZAKA'S MIRACLE VICTORY AS THE HEAD LINE....

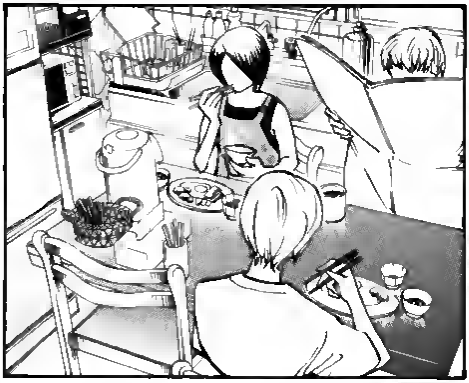
MASAHARU! DON'T TOUCH THE SALES!!
ONE STEP AFTER ANOTHER, NO HASTE.
WELL, IT'LL BE WHEN WE CONTINUE TO WIN
IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE ..
SORRY
IF YOU'RE TIRED, YOU DON'T NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF TO HELP OUT.


DON'T FORCE YOURSELF. IF YOU CAN'T, THEN YOU CAN'T.
THOUGH YOU'RE THE ONE FORCING YOURSELF, MOM.

I PROMISED YOU THAT I'D HELP IN THE MORNINGS AND AT NIGHT AS MUCH AS I CAN, RIGHT?

THAT WOULDN'T BE GOOD

SPEAKING OF FORCING
THE NEXT GAME IS IN 3 DAYS
I HOPE KITAROU DOESN'T PLAN ON GETTING ON THE MOUND WITH HIS STITCHED FINGER.



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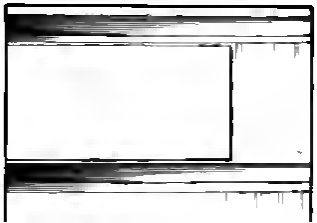
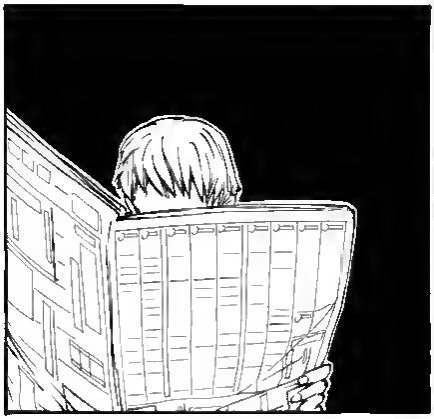
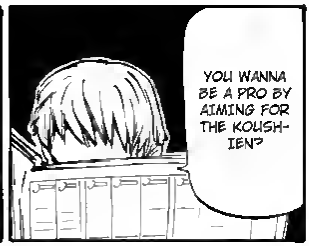
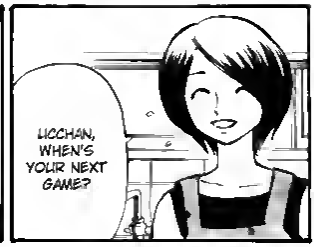




THANKS FOR THE FOOD


YOU WANNA BE A PRO BY AIMING FOR THE KOUSHIEN?


LICCHAN, WHEN'S YOUR NEXT GAME?

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SAY
I WANT TO BECOME A PRO?

JUST LET HIM, DEAR IT'S JUST A CLUB ACTIVITY

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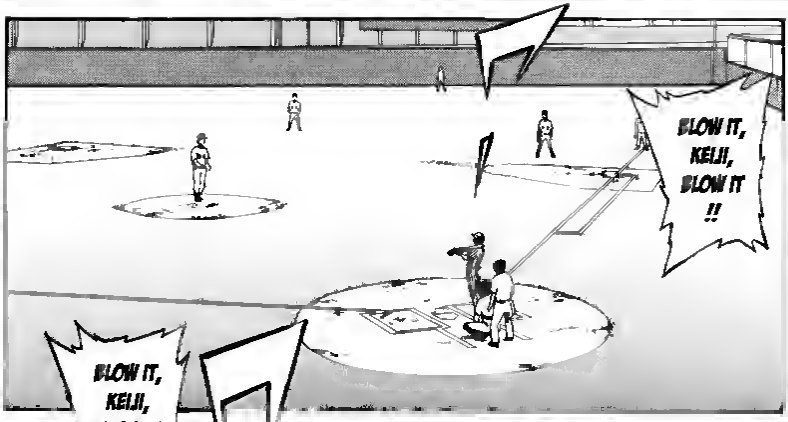
FIRST GAME	10:00	SCHEDULED START
3RD BASE SIDE		1ST BASE SIDE
ATSUMI	—	AIBA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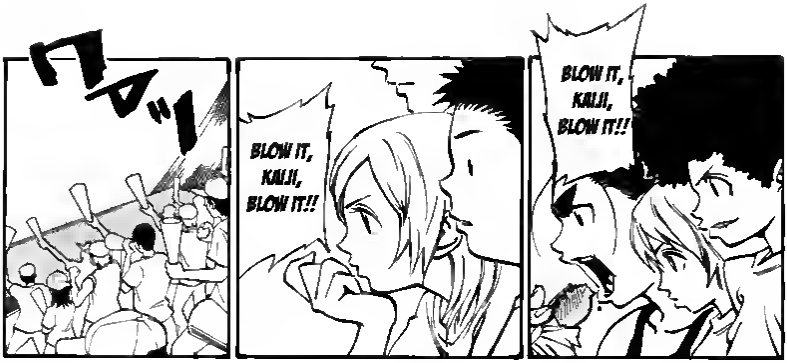
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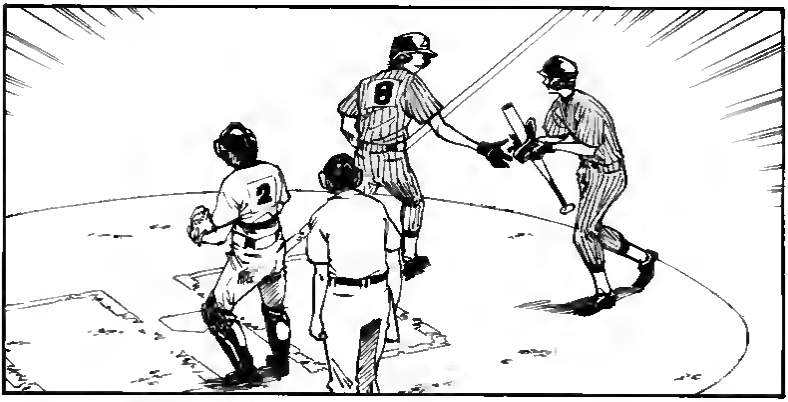

LOOK, HE'S ALL READY.

AS IF THAT WOULD STOP HIM...

IN THE END, THEY WALKED HIM.

DUNK.
WHAT BAD LUCK.

RUNNER ON THIRD!
A
ATSUMI
BATTING AVERAGE OF 0.600 ...
A DANGEROUS GUY ON BASE WHETHER HE HITS OR GETS WALKED.
ATSUMI HIGH SCHOOL'S
KUBO KEIJI!!

GAME SET!!
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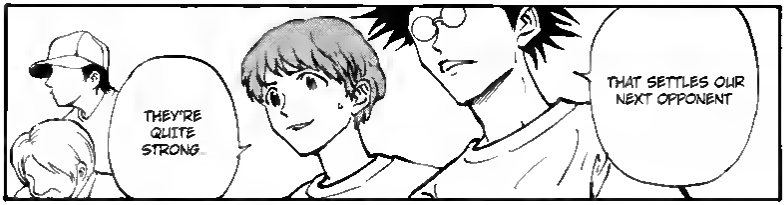
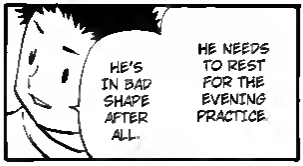

THEY'RE QUITE STRONG.
THAT SETTLES OUR NEXT OPPONENT.

REGARDING THAT.
LISTEN TO ME.

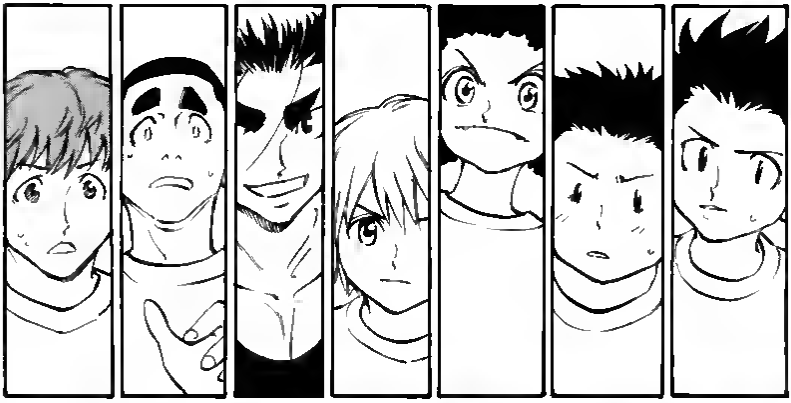
WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT KITAROU TOO.

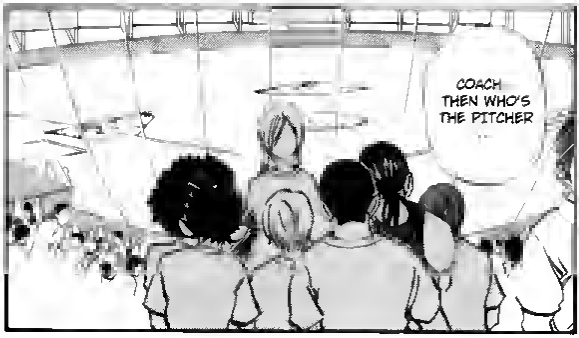

HE'S IN BAD SHAPE AFTER ALL.
HE NEEDS TO REST FOR THE EVENING PRACTICE.

IN THE NEXT GAME I WANT TO PLACE KITAROU ON FIRST BASE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON HIS WOUND.
I ALREADY DISCUSSED IT WITH MASAHARU.

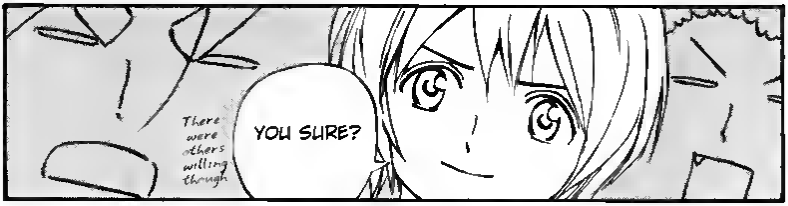
IT'S A RATHER DESPERATE LINE-UP,

BUT LET US WORK HARD TOGETHER!!





WE'RE LEAVING IT TO YOU, UKYOU.



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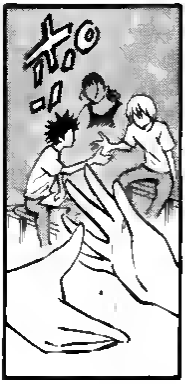
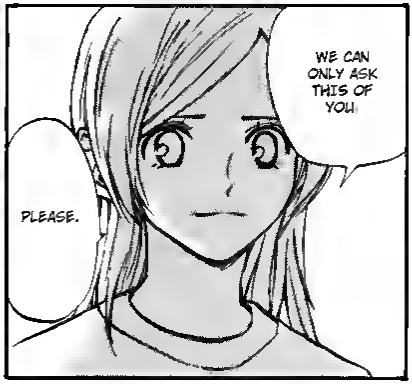
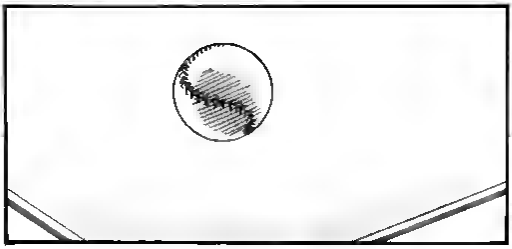
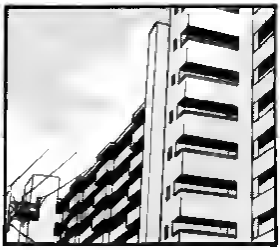
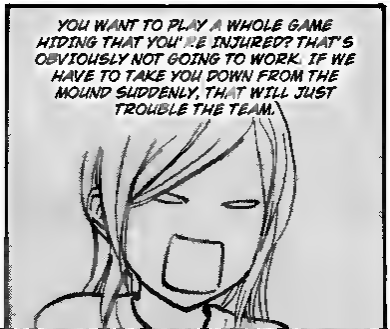




DON'T BLAME ME AFTERWARDS.







THE PITCH THAT SAVED ME YESTERDAY...

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY.

I HAVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT....

FOR NOW,

I'LL LEAVE IT TO UKYOU.

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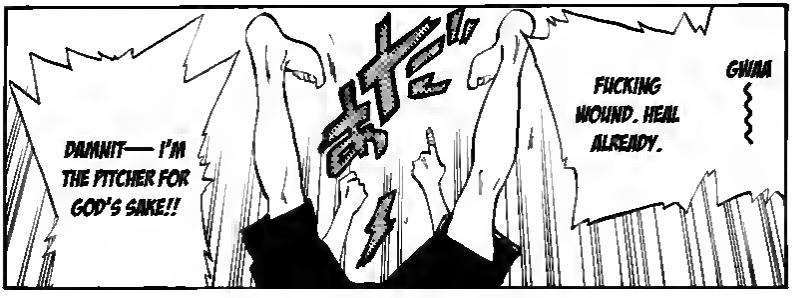

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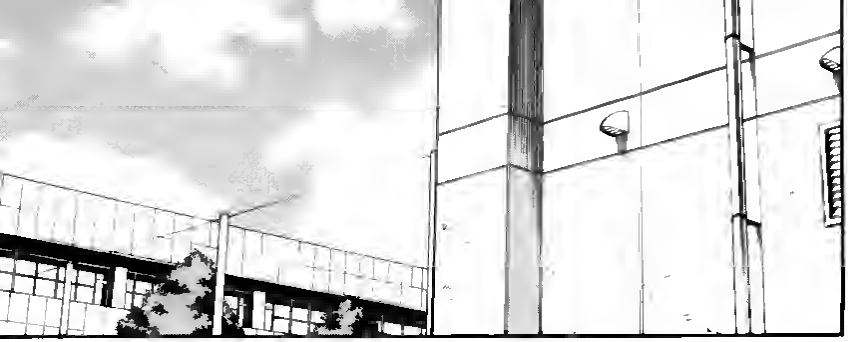
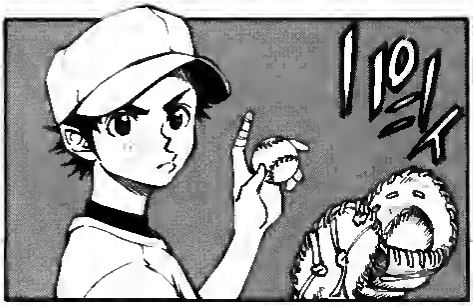
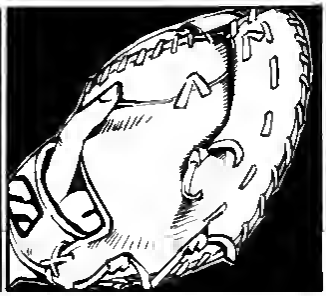
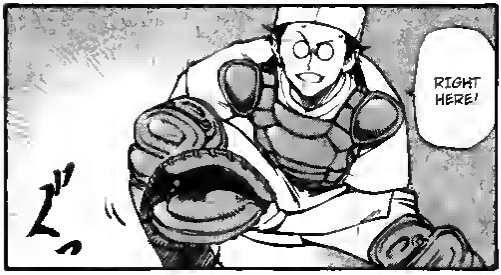
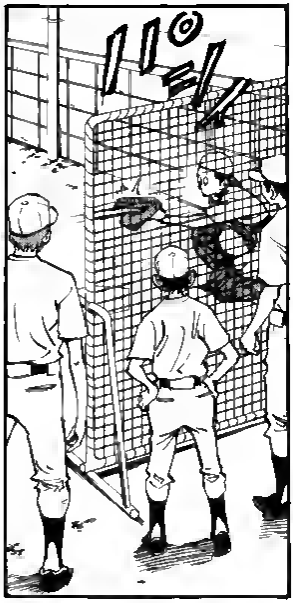
CHAPTER 38: FIRST BASE, KITAROU!

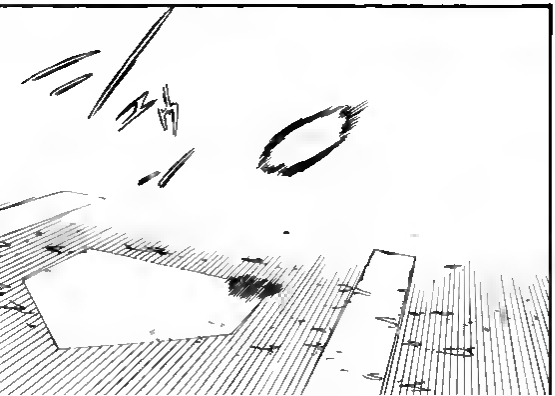







RIGHT HERE!





NICE PITCH!!
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OKAY, NEXT HERE.

C'MON, UKYOU!

NICE PITCH!

GOT A GREAT COURSE!!

THEN A CURVE FIRST.

OKAY

LIKYOU, TRY SOME BREAKING BALLS.

NEXT A SLIDER
W-WOW

A SCREW-BALL.
...WOW!
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SO HOW'S PITCHING, UKYOU?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I PITCHED, SO I'M QUITE EXHAUSTED.
I THOUGHT IT LOOKED BLEAK WHEN KITAOOJI COULDN'T PITCH....
BUT ALL MY DOUBTS ARE BLOWN AWAY NOW!!
YOU ACCURATELY PITCH TO WHERE I SET THE MITT UP....
A CERTAIN PITCHER CAN LEARN FROM YOU.
BUT I'LL BE IN GOOD FORM FOR THE GAME.
8
YOU DID PLENTY WELL BACK IN THE DAY.
NO WORRIES WITH YOU.

AGG

AGUH.

YOU SEEM IN A RATHER GOOD MOOD, HUH, MASAHARU-SAN~~~

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MH? WHAT'S WRONG, KI-TAROU?

OF COURSE YOU WOULD GET EXCITED ABOUT UKYOU, WHO CAN THROW 7 KINDS OF BREAKING BALLS.

RATHER THAN ME, WHO CAN'T EVEN THROW A SINGLE ONE.

HUH?

THE HECK ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?

I CAN'T THROW 7.

PLAYING ALL DUMB NOW. DAMN YOU —!!

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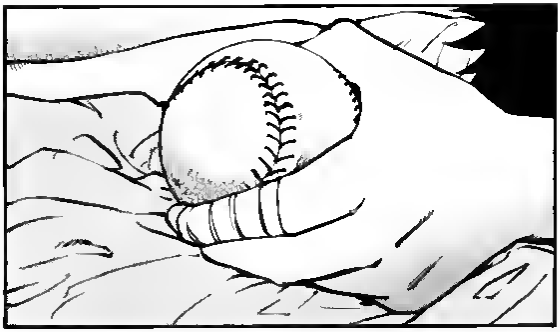
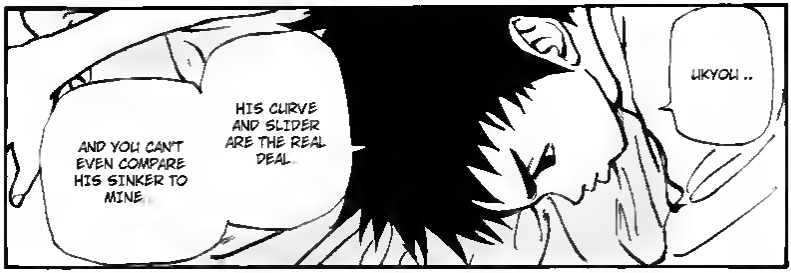


WHO CARES ABOUT WHO STANDS ON THE MOUND, AS LONG AS WE MAKE IT TO THE KOUSHIEN.
...I LOOKED LIKE A FOOL.


AND YOU CAN'T EVEN COMPARE HIS SINKER TO MINE.
HIS CURVE AND SLIDER ARE THE REAL DEAL.
UKYOU ..

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THAT GETS ME DEPRESSED.
WHAT A GREAT GUY. HE CAN DO EVERYTHING.
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KITAROU, YOU'RE GOING RUN-NING?
YEAH
SLACKING OFF IS OF NO USE
I NEED TO BE IN TOP-FORM WHEN IT COUNTS
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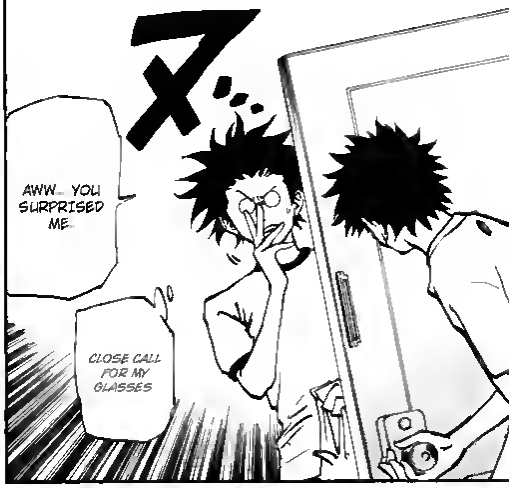
WAH!!
AH?

WHY ARE YOU!


AWW... YOU SURPRISED ME...
CLOSE CALL FOR MY GLASSES

.....
AREN'T YOU AT THE WRONG PLACE?

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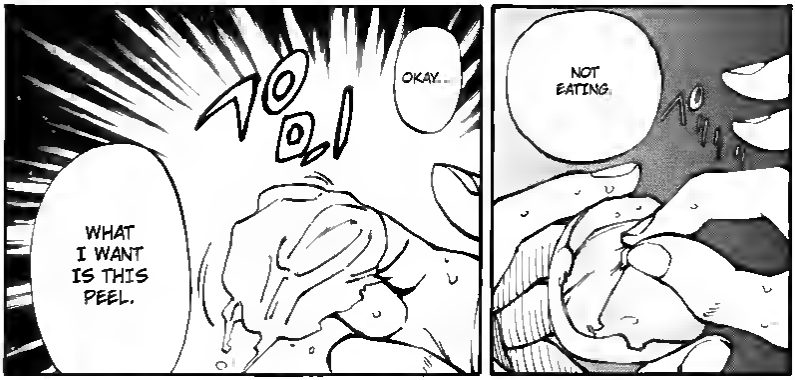
AWW... THEY'RE SMASHED ...

HUH?
HUH? WHAT?
I'M NOT
LET ME IN

HEY!! AND YOU WANT ME TO EAT THESE!?
WELL, IT WAS THE ONES WE REMOVED FROM THE ASSORTMENT, SO IT'S FINE
AH, SORRY.
BESIDES WHAT DO YOU NEED THE EGGS FOR?


WHAT I WANT IS THIS PEEL.
OKAY...
NOT EATING.

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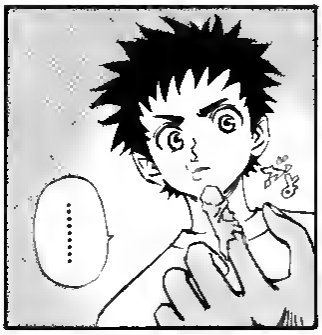
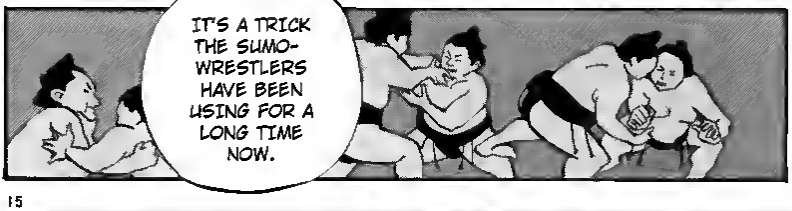
KITAROU, SHOW ME YOUR WOUND.

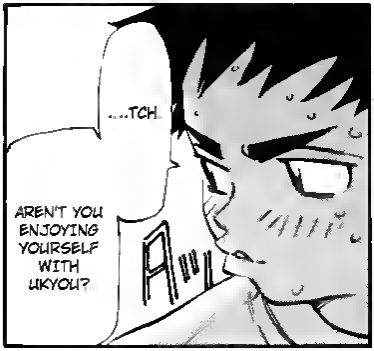




LATELY, EVEN RE-SEARCH PROVED THAT THE PEELS OF EGGS HAVE AN EFFECT ON CELL REGENERATION.

HOO~~~

THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT ME SOME.


...TCH.
AREN'T YOU ENJOYING YOURSELF WITH UKYOU?

I WANT YOU TO RECOVER AS FAST AS POSSIBLE...
ELSE IT'S TROU-BLE-SOME.

I DO.

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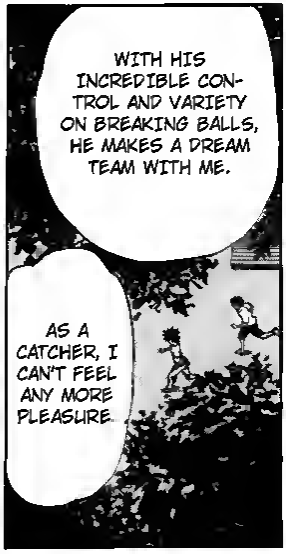
BUT...

HO—
GOOD FOR YA.


WITH HIS INCREDIBLE CON-TROL AND VARIETY ON BREAKING BALLS, HE MAKES A DREAM TEAM WITH ME.
AS A CATCHER, I CAN'T FEEL ANY MORE PLEASURE.

HE DOESN'T THROW LIKE I WANT HIM TO.
HIS BREAKING BALLS AREN'T BREAKING.
AS A CATCHER, IT REALLY PISSES ME OFF.

BUT WHEN IT COUNTS, HE DOES STUFF THAT SURPRISES...
LIKE WITH THE GAME YESTERDAY AGAINST SEINAN

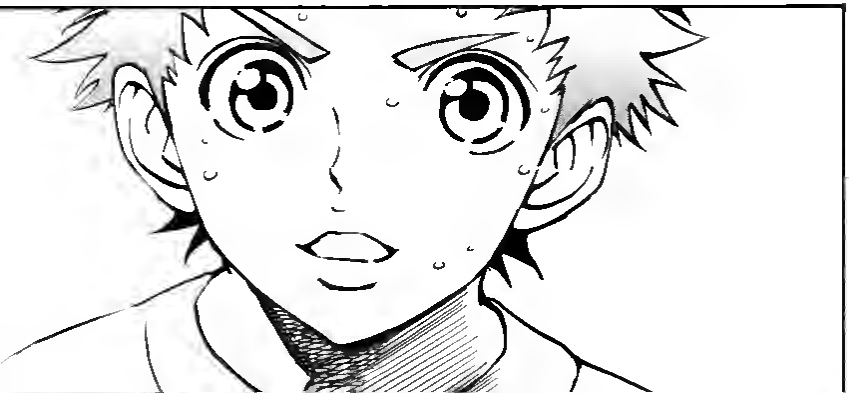
17

IT DOESN'T FEEL FULLY SATISFYING.
BECAUSE I ALREADY HAVE A PARTNER WHO SURPASSES ALL MY IMAGINATIONS...

THERE'S NO OTHER LIKE YOU.

HURRY AND GET BACK...

IT'S TROUBLE-SOME.



I WILL.

SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE, MASAHARU.

HEEEY

BEAR WITH UKYOU UNTIL I'M BACK.

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NOW HE'S GETTING COCKY...

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I SAW IT ON TV JUST NOW.

YOU'RE RUNNING HERE AFTER ALL.

UKYOU!?

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HERE!

THEY SAID THE EGG'S PEEL IS GOOD FOR WOUNDS!

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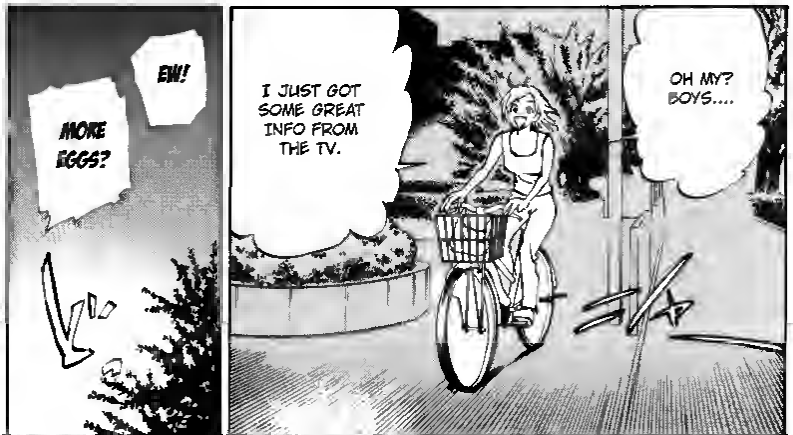
KI-TAROU,
GET WELL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HEEY!

I JUST SAW IT ON TV!
SHINNO-SUKE,
AND EVEN KOTETSU.

GEEZ AM I GONNA MAKE AN EGG SALAD NOW, OR WHAT?

YOU GUYS....



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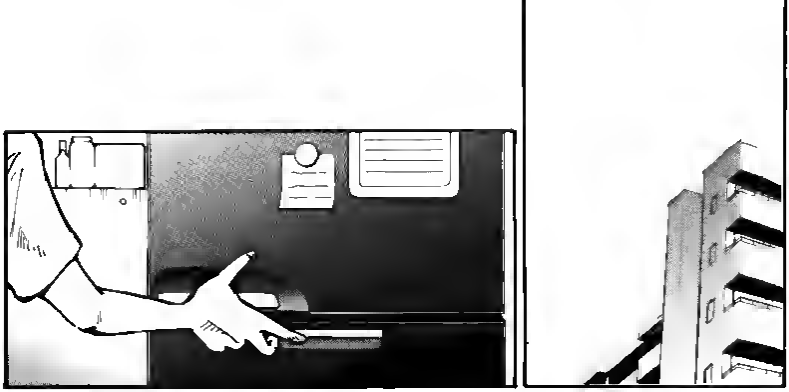

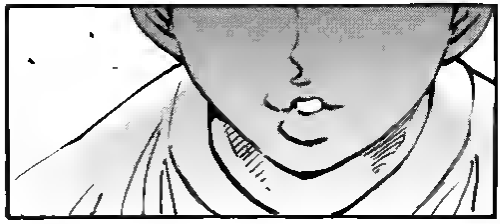

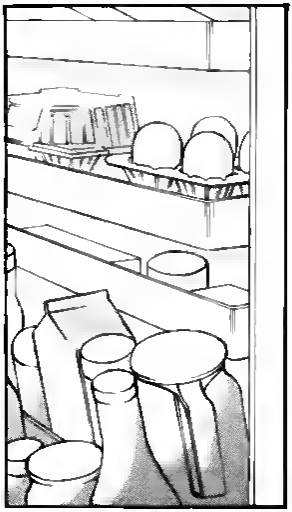

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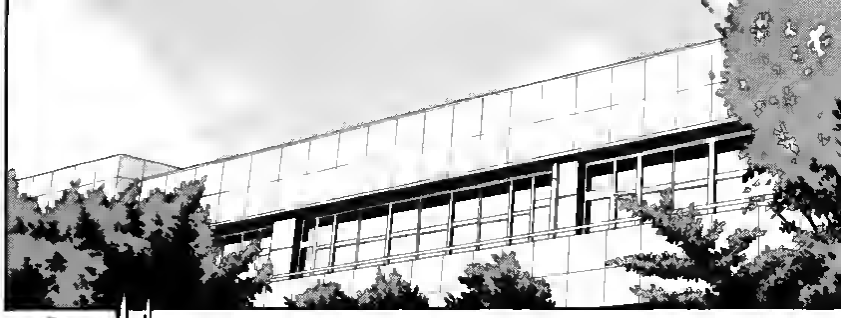
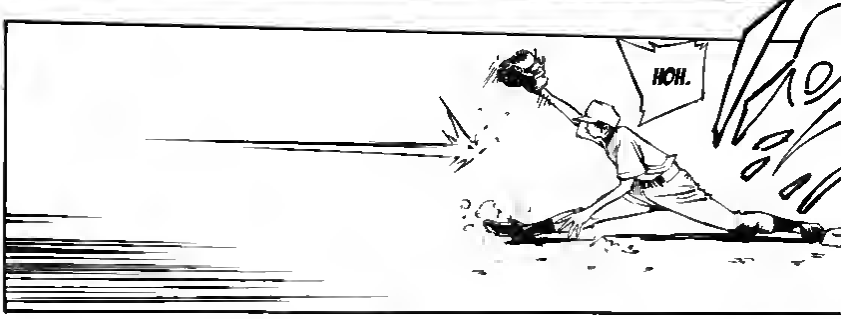
GOOD, THE WOUND IS STARTING
TO HEAL!
THIS PEEL IS REALLY WORKING!




HOH.

FUH.

HAH.

HAH.
KITAROU REALLY GOT THE HANG OF FIRST BASE.

GOOD, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH.

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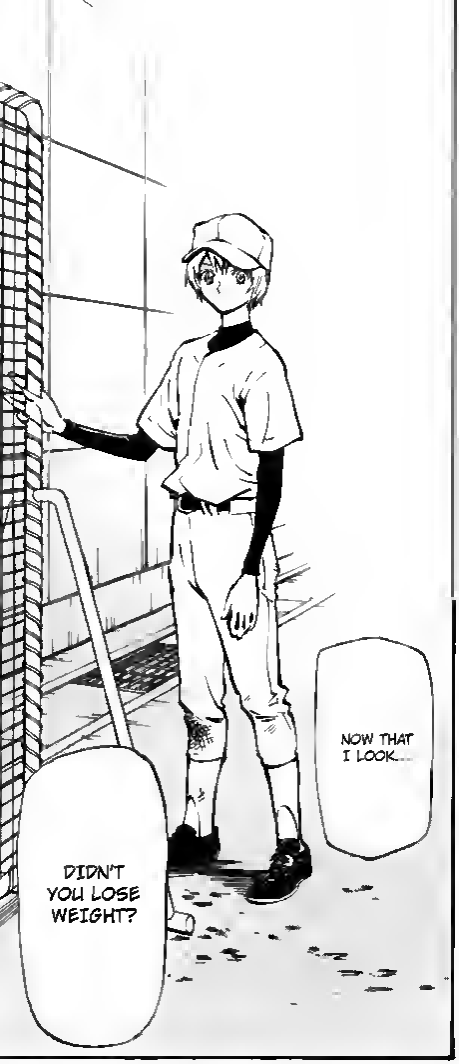
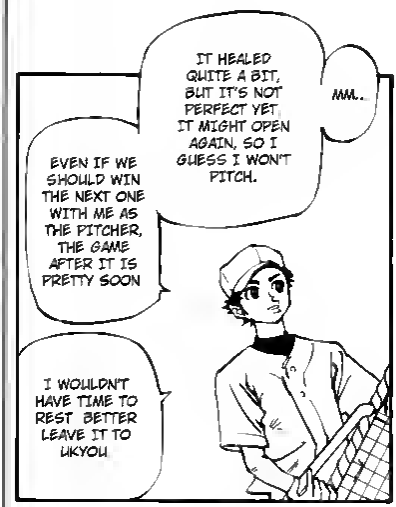
KITAROU,

GUESS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PITCH IN TOMORROW'S GAME AFTER ALL.


NOW THAT I LOOK...
DIDN'T YOU LOSE WEIGHT?


MM..
IT HEALED QUITE A BIT, BUT IT'S NOT PERFECT YET. IT MIGHT OPEN AGAIN, SO I GUESS I WON'T PITCH.
EVEN IF WE SHOULD WIN THE NEXT ONE WITH ME AS THE PITCHER, THE GAME AFTER IT IS PRETTY SOON
I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO REST. BETTER LEAVE IT TO UKYOU.

MH?
UKYOU? YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL?

7

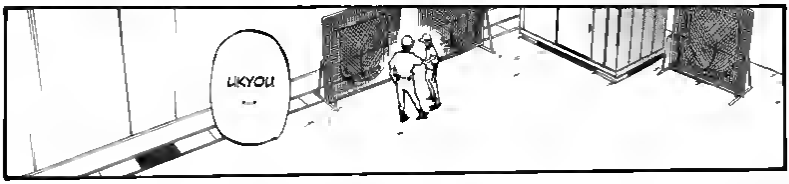
DON'T TELL ME ...

YOU'RE SO EXCITED YOU CAN'T EAT?

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU WON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH.

YEAH.

I'M NOT AS DARING AS YOU.



I CAN'T SAY IT WELL...

BUT ...

...YOU'LL DO FINE!!

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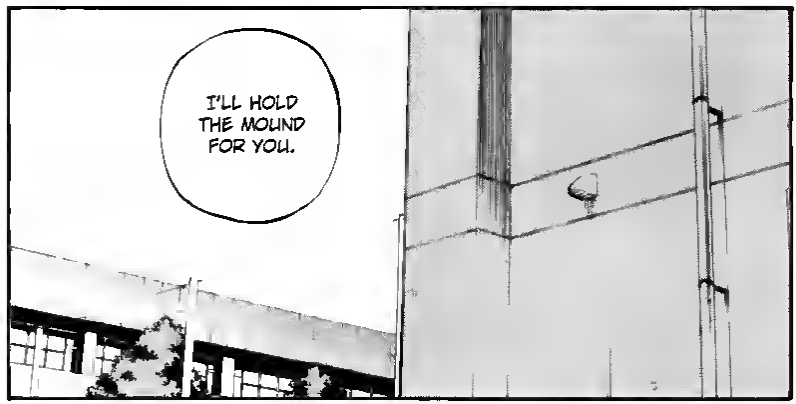
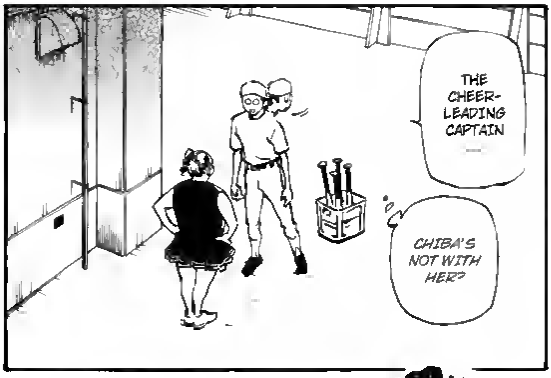
UNTIL YOU'RE ALL HEALED UP


I'LL HOLD THE MOUND FOR YOU.

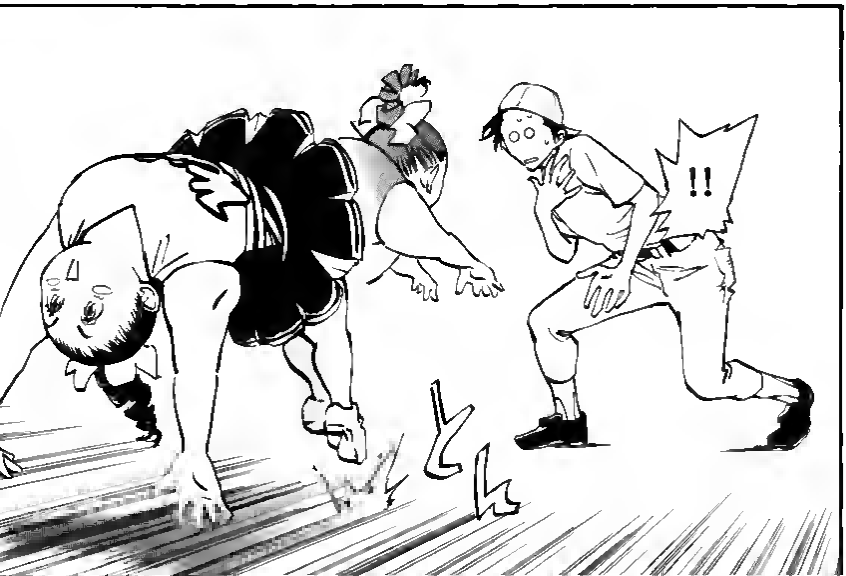
KUBA FROM ATSUMI HIGH SCHOOL, HUH
THE PROBLEM IS KEEPING HIM OFF THE BASES...
BATTING AVERAGE OF 0.6, HUH...
BASEBALL CLUB!
YOU FOUR-EYES THERE!


THE CHEER-LEADING CAPTAIN
CHIBA'S NOT WITH HER?

I'M SHINBASHI TOMOE, THIRD YEAR CLASS C
MATSUKATA MASAHARU-KUN...

YOU WANT US TO CHEER FOR YOU TOMORROW,
RIGHT?
EH?

YOU WANT ESPECIALLY ME...
RIGHT?
C-
CO-
COME AGAIN!?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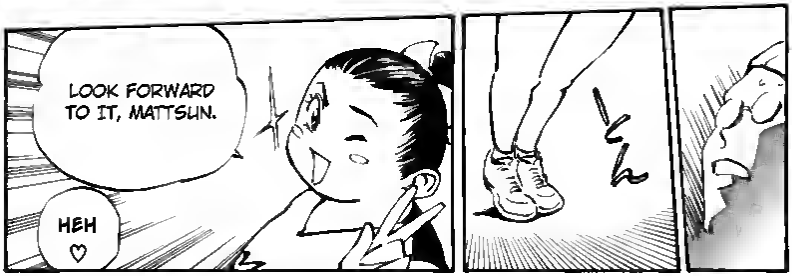
LOOK FORWARD TO IT, MATTSUN.
HEH ♡

...AND, MATTSUN !?
WHY ...
WHY?
ME?
TELL THAT TO THE CAPTAIN ...

PUBLIC ATSUMI HIGH SCHOOL

A BATTING AVERAGE OF 0.6.
THE LAST TWO GAMES WERE THE SAME.
THEY DIDN'T EVEN PUT UP A FIGHT AFTER HEARING THAT.
RIGHT, KUBA-KUN.
YEAH~~
I EASILY GET ON THE BASE, YOU SEE.
BATTING IS JUST ONE WAY.
I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE.
DON'T YOU GET IRRITATED GETTING WALKED?
BUT
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT NOT GETTING TO SHOW OFF YOUR BATTING?

STEALING A BASE JUST FEELS SO GREAT!!

MY WEAPONS ARE MY LEGS!!

0.6 IS JUST A SIMPLE NUMBER.

THIS LOOKS LIKE SOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM
HERE
HERE
HERE
A HOME RUN!!
TODAY WE'RE EATING A HOME KANDA, AND TOMORROW WE'RE HITTING...
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BUT IT CHANGED QUITE A BIT.
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE TIMES?
YEAH... THAT TOO
HE MAY LOOK LIKE AN OLD MAN NOW, BUT JUST 15 YEARS AGO HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS SPARTAN TRAINING.
COACH KURAMOTO, 69 YEARS
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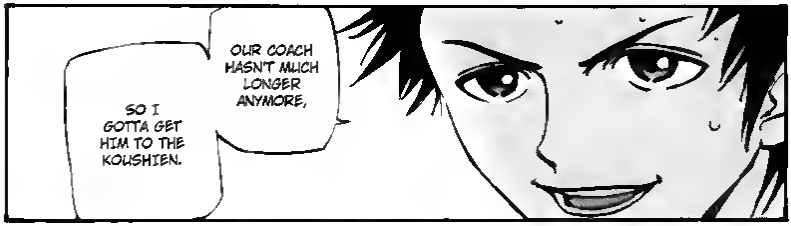
HO~~ I CAN'T IMAGE THAT.
HE TURNED AROUND THE WHOLE CLUB, WHEN THE RESULTS CAME IN, THEY WERE IN THE BEST 4.
ESPECIALLY TO LEFT-HANDED BATTERS.
I HEARD HIS PITCHES ARE QUITE TROUBLESOME.
THE PITCHER KITAOOJI IS A LEFT-HANDED SUBMARINER.
WHAT'LL YOU DO, KEIJI?
THEY BEAT HIMURO FROM SEINAN.
KOZUKU!
IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL, BUT NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED.

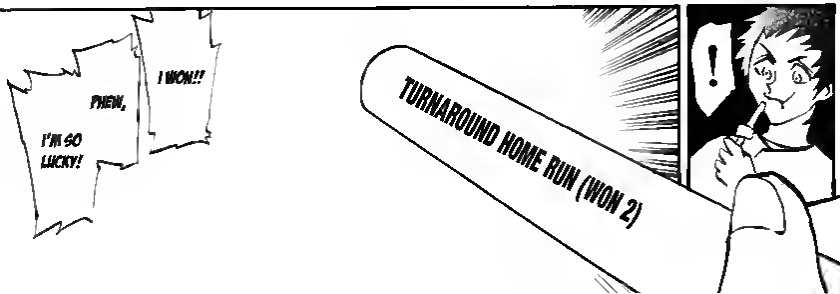
I SAID, THERE IS NOTHING TO DO ABOUT IT. I'LL SOMEHOW GET ON BASE.
AW, SO COLD.

THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING.
THERSCH USCHING SHU TO ASHOUT...

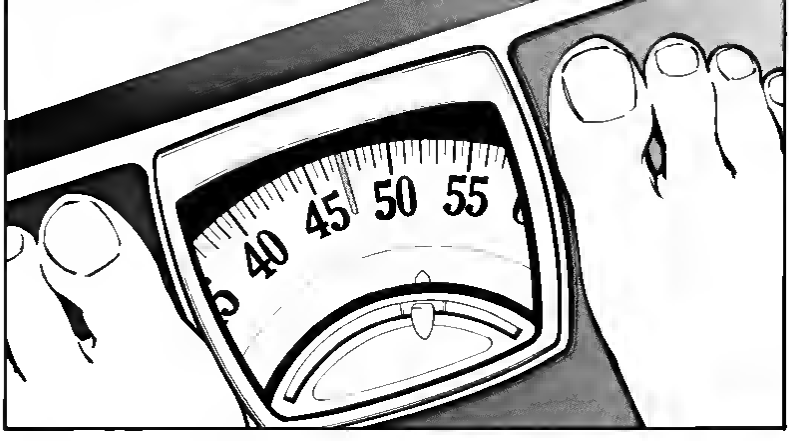

SO I GOTTA GET HIM TO THE KOUSHIEN.
OUR COACH HASN'T MUCH LONGER ANYMORE,

I WASN'T TRYING TO HIDE IT THAT WE WOULD MAKE GOING TO THE KOUSHIEN YOUR BURIAL GIFT.

I HEARD YOU, KEIJI!!


!
TURNAROUND HOME RUN (WON 2)
I WON!!
PHEW,
I'M SO LUCKY!

UMEMIYA
カカーン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YOU HAVE TO DROP TO 44KG FOR THE GAME NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
DIET GOING WELL...?

UCCHAN

GOING WELL.

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UCCHAN... YOU BETTER TALK TO YOUR FATHER AGAIN..

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CHAPTER 40:
第40球
のびのび野球！
COMFY BASEBALL!

EAST TOKYO TOURNAMENT
4TH ROUND
AOIZAKA VS ATSUMI

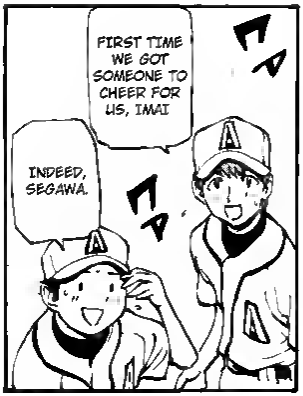
IT'S SMALLER THAN I THOUGHT.
FOR ME TOO.
MY FIRST TIME AT A BASEBALL STADIUM.

GOT THAT?
WE'RE HERE TO CHEER!
YES!!

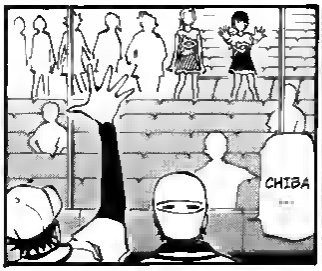
HEY! WE AREN'T HERE FOR OUR OWN AMUSEMENT!

EH
MAYBE SHE GOT HER EYES SET ON SOMEONE?

HEH ...
SHE WASN'T MOTIVATED AT ALL BEFORE
WHAT'S UP WITH THE CAPTAIN?
RIGHT, MARIKO-SENPAI?


FIRST TIME WE GOT SOMEONE TO CHEER FOR US, IMAI
INDEED, SEGAWA.

OUR CHEER-LEADERS REALLY CAME!!
OHH...


CHIBA ...

AH...

HEY, BANDY!!

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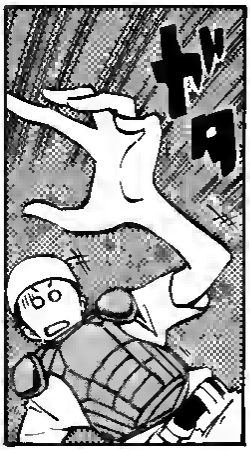

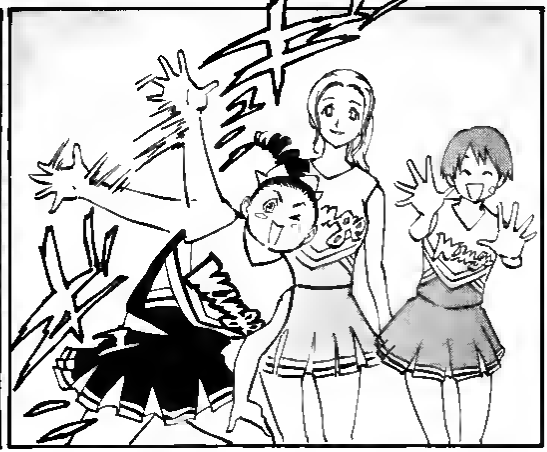

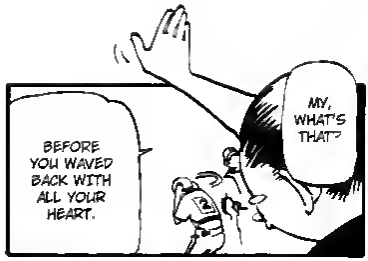
MY, WHAT'S THAT?
BEFORE YOU WAVED BACK WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

NOT JUST YESTERDAYS
WHAT'S WITH HER?
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DON'T BE SO SHY♡

THEY'RE SO SIMPLE-MINDED.
やるぞ!!
OKAY, LET'S FLATTEN THEM!!

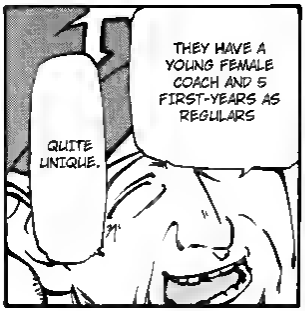
GIVE IT YOUR ALL FOR THE KOUSHIEN!!
FIGHT, AOIZAKA!!

……
MASAHARU, YOU LOOK PALE?

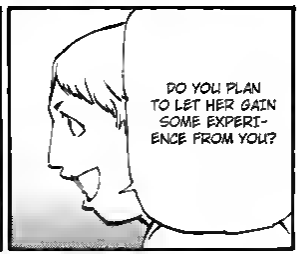
THEY DEFEATED SEINAN.
BUT AS A 30 YEAR-VETERAN, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

TODAY'S OPPONENT IS AOIZAKA.
ATSUMI
THIS GAME WILL DECIDE WHO ADV-ANCES TO THE BEST 16.

COACH KURAMOTO


THEY HAVE A YOUNG FEMALE COACH AND 5 FIRST-YEARS AS REGULARS
QUITE UNIQUE.

MY, NO. RATHER IT'S ME WHO WANTS TO GAIN SOME EXPERI-ENCE FROM HER.
HAHA.


DO YOU PLAN TO LET HER GAIN SOME EXPERI-ENCE FROM YOU?

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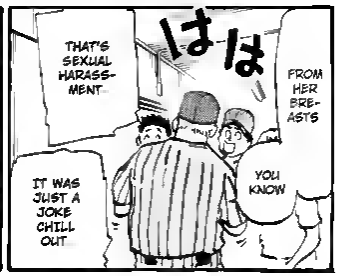
IT'S BEING SAID THAT
BOTH TEAMS WILL GO AT THEIR OWN PACE
AND PLAY A COMFY GAME.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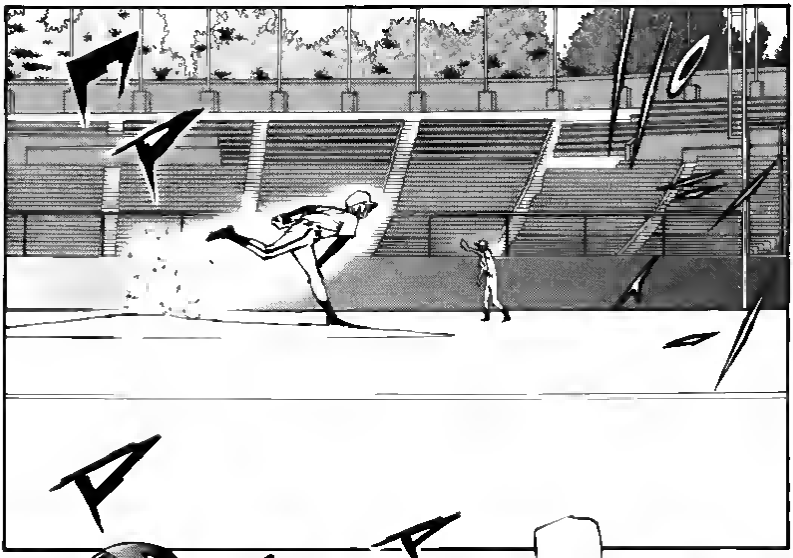
THAT'S SEXUAL HARASS-MENT.
FROM HER BRE-ASTS
YOU KNOW
IT WAS JUST A JOKE CHILL OUT.

I FEAR COMPARING
WITH OURS, ISN'T QUITE RIGHT.
THEIR PACE
MHM
I SEE



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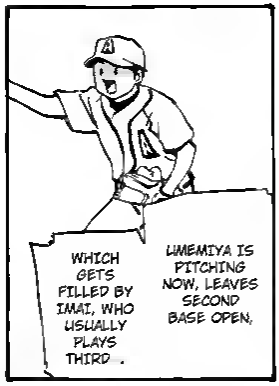
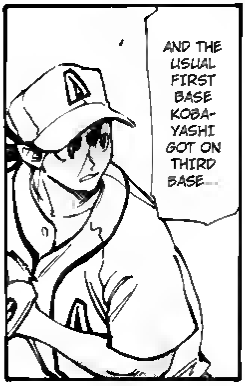
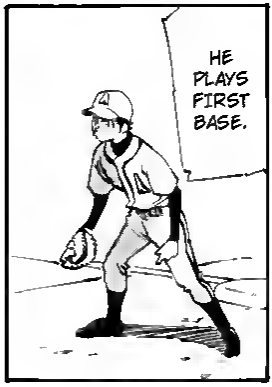
KITAOOJI ISN'T THE PITCHER?


WHICH GETS FILLED BY IMAI, WHO USUALLY PLAYS THIRD .
UMEMIYA IS PITCHING NOW, LEAVES SECOND BASE OPEN,


AND THE USUAL FIRST BASE KOBA-YASHI GOT ON THIRD BASE...


HE PLAYS FIRST BASE.

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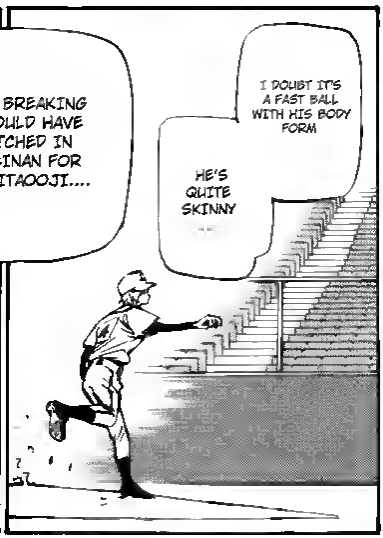
BUT NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AGAINST US.
IT'S NOT STRANGE THAT THEY LET THEIR ACE REST,
WHEN THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT ALL THE GAMES UP TO THE FINALS,
IT'S THE FOURTH GAME FOR THEM TOO.

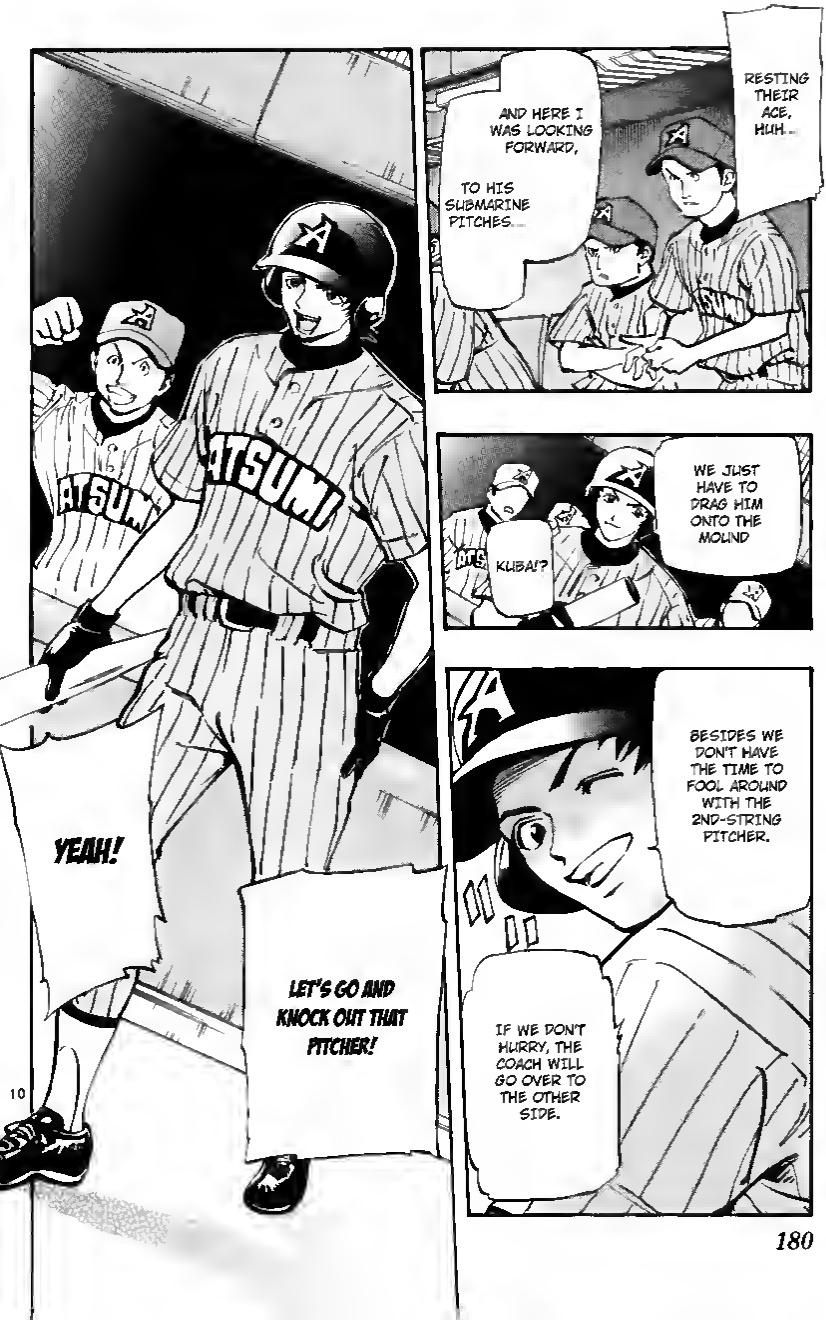
HE HAS TO HAVE THE SKILLS, ELSE HE WOULDN'T BE THE PITCHER
ARE HIS PITCHES FAST?
OR ARE HIS BREAKING BALLS HIS FORTUNE?
OR MAYBE IT'S HIS CONTROL?

THIS IS TROU-BLE-SOME
WE DON'T HAVE ANY DATA ON THAT PITCHER

THAT LEAVES HIS CONTROL....

IF HE HAD A BREAKING BALL, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SWITCHED IN AGAINST SEINAN FOR THE TIRED KITAOOJI....


I DOUBT IT'S A FAST BALL WITH HIS BODY FORM
HE'S QUITE SKINNY


RESTING THEIR ACE, HUH...
AND HERE I WAS LOOKING FORWARD,
TO HIS SUBMARINE PITCHES...
WE JUST HAVE TO DRAG HIM ONTO THE MOUND
KUBA!?
BESIDES WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO FOOL AROUND WITH THE 2ND-STRING PITCHER.
IF WE DON'T HURRY, THE COACH WILL GO OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE.
ATSUMI
ATSUMI
YEAH!
LET'S GO AND KNOCK OUT THAT PITCHER!
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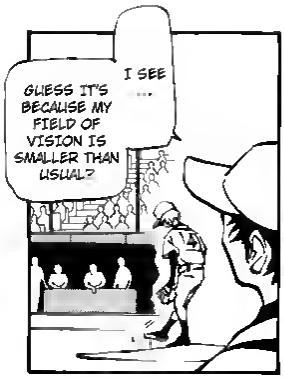
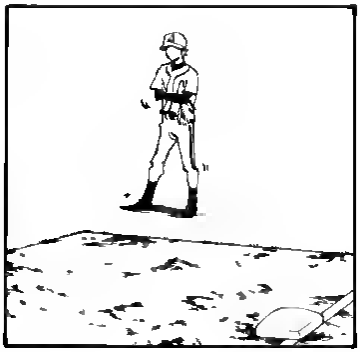
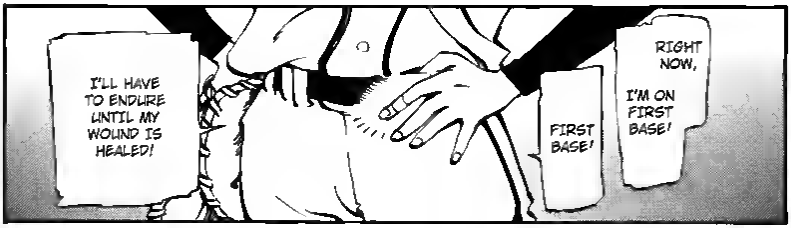
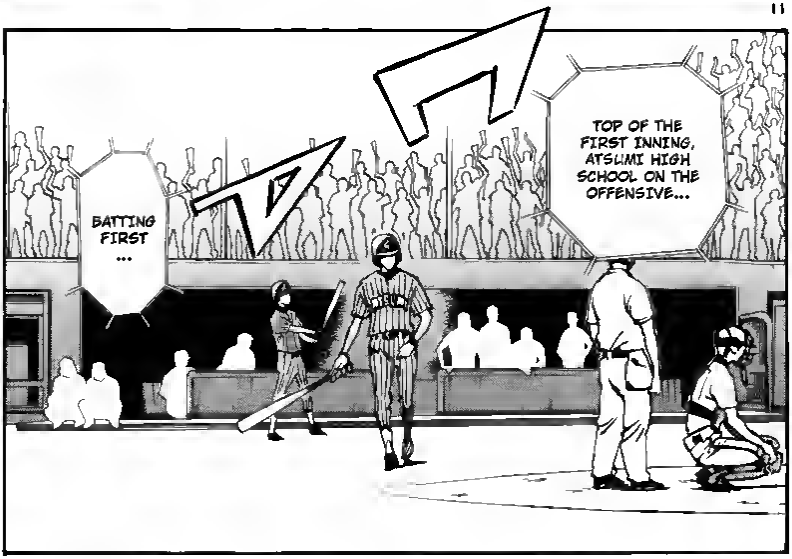

I SEE ...
GUESS IT'S BECAUSE MY FIELD OF VISION IS SMALLER THAN USUAL?

I CAN'T SEEM TO CALM DOWN
.....




I'LL HAVE TO ENDURE UNTIL MY WOUND IS HEALED!
FIRST BASE!
RIGHT NOW, I'M ON FIRST BASE!


BATTING FIRST ...
TOP OF THE FIRST INNING, ATSUMI HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OFFENSIVE...

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CENTER, KUBA-KUN.
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IT'S START-ING!

KUBA KEIJI, BATTING AVERAGE 0.6.
HE SURE HAS THE RIGHT AURA FOR IT

NO MATTER WHERE WE PITCH, HE LOOKS LIKE HE'LL HIT THEM ALL...

REST-ING KITA-OOJI?

BLOW IT, KEIJI!!
BLOW IT, KEIJI!!

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TOO BAD

YEP.
CAN'T TELL HIM IT'S ACTUALLY BECAUSE HE'S INJURED ...

FUFU... SO THE ELITES GOT THEIR EYES ON HIM, HUH?
...BUT...
KUBA WANTED TO FACE OFF AGAINST KITAROU?

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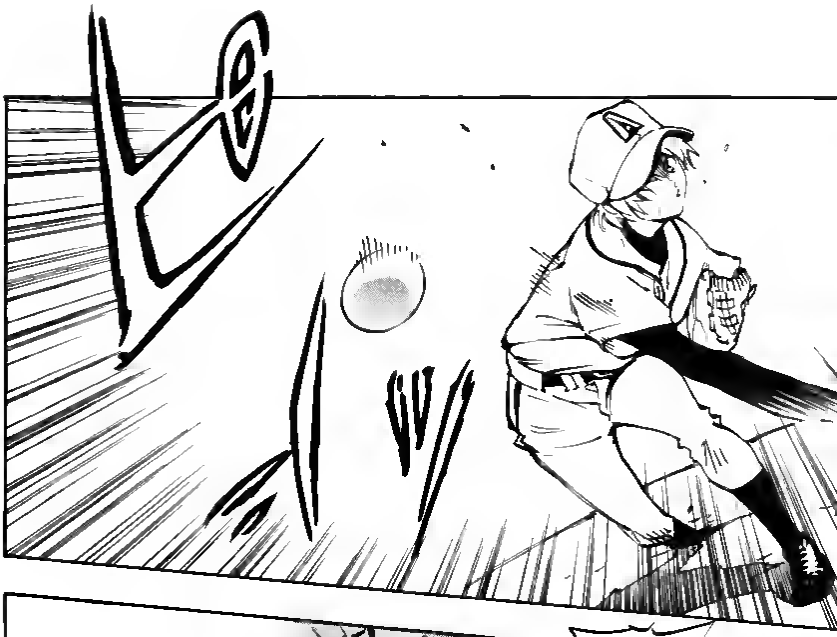
IS AT ALL HALF-ASSED.
I DON'T THINK UKYOU'S PITCHING

BALL!!
.....
GOOD, UKYOU.
AGAINST HIM WE HAVE TO PERFECTLY AIM AT THE CORNERS
YEAH,
HE WON'T OVER-LOOK A WEAK BALL
FOR THE NEXT, WE'LL GO WITH
ONE A BIT MORE INSIDE



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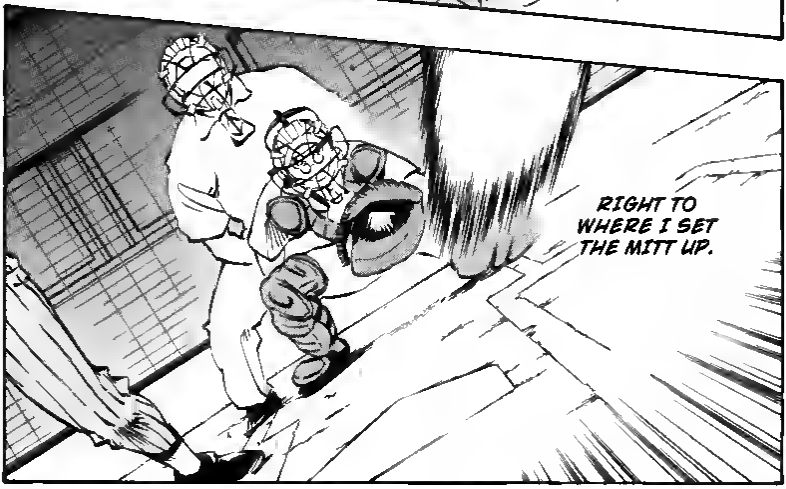

HE HIT IT SO EASILY!?
!!

A HIT TO THE FRONT LEFT!!
!
HE'LL GO FOR THE SECOND BASE, HURRY WITH THE PICK UP!
!?
WAH!

HURRY ON THE MOUND.
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU.
.....

SAFE!!
WITH SUCH A SLOW DEFENSE, I CAN GO ALL OUT.
FUFU ...
THE PITCHER IS ALSO EXACTLY LIKE WE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE FUFUFU. ..
.....

VOLUME 5 - END.

I am the strongest! Metoropolitan
Aoizaka senior high school baseball club.

A next volume notice!

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最強！ 都立あおい坂高校野球部⑤

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